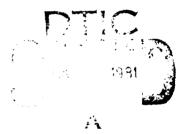
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1.0 DELTA AND VICINITY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

The area of analysis (AOA) for the Delta operating base includes Millard County. The AOA is located in the central section of the designated region of influence (ROI) as shown in Figure 1.0-1 where Delta and Fillmore are the major settlements. This section and Section 1.2 detail important environmental characteristics of Delta and vicinity and the proposed base site, respectively with additional discussion of construction and operation of an OB discussed in Section 1.2.

1.1 HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (1.1.1)

Employment

Tables 1.1.1-1 and 1.1.1-2 highlight detailed employment characteristics of Millard County. The former table indicates the relative dependence of the county's economy on only two sectors—agriculture, comprising 31 percent of total employment in 1977, and government, the source of 21 percent of 1977 county employment. Other sectors, notably manufacturing and services, traditionally dominate a well-balanced economic base; in Millard County, both of these sectors had percent shares of total employment equal to only half of the state average and one-third of the 1977 national average employment share.

Table 1.1.1-2 presents 10-year employment growth figures and indicates that Millard County has grown at just about the same rate as the nation over the 1967-1977 period. Most sectors experienced relatively little change except for manufacturing which increased by about 14 percent per year.

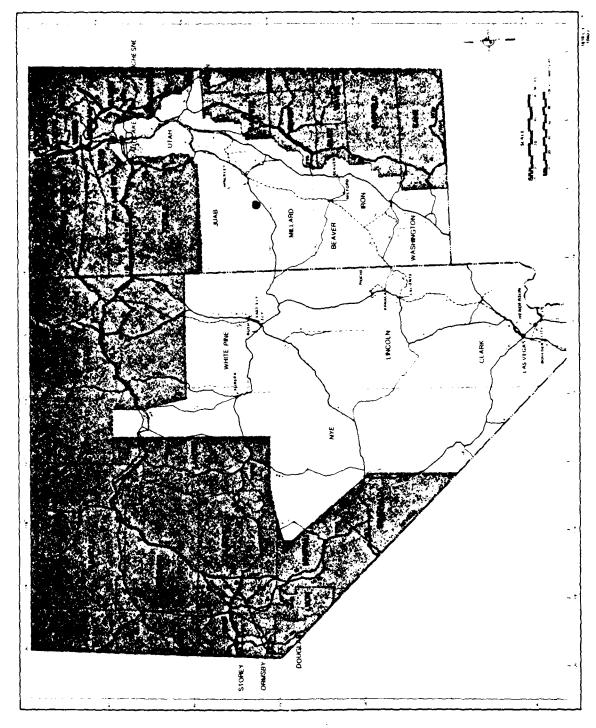
Income and Earnings

Total earnings have exhibited little growth over the 1967-1977 period. Table 1.1.1-3 highlights Millard County earnings by major industrial sector relative to other counties in Utah. It indicates that the county's 1977 total earnings of \$22.3 million were less than two-fifths of one percent of the state's total. Further, Millard County's earnings growth was 20 percent less than that for Utah over the 1967-1977 period. Disaggregating earnings by industry, the same pattern of negligible growth is observed except in the manufacturing sector where earnings nearly tripled over the 10-year period.

Table 1.1.1-4 highlights per capita income and earnings shares by major industry in Millard County. The county's 1977 per capita income of \$3,978 was roughly 67 percent that of Utah's and 57 percent of U.S. per capita income. By industrial source, government comprised 25 percent and agriculture 21 percent of 1977 total county earnings. Services, manufacturing and construction industries had earnings levels well below state and national averages, due mainly to relatively small employment levels in these sectors.

PUBLIC FINANCE (1.1.2)

Principal governmental units in the Delta and vicinity area include the County of Millard, the City of Delta and the Millard County School District. The area's tax



Dolta OB location in the Nevada/Utah region of influence. Figure 1.0-1

Total employment and percent share by major economic sectors for selected counties in Utah, 1977. Table 1.1.1-1.

COUNTY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT 1977	PERCENT OF TOTAL STATE EMPLOYMENT	AGRICULTURE SHARE (%)	MINING SHARE (%)	CONSTRUCTION SHARE (%)	MANUFACTURE SHARE (%)	SERVICES SHARE (%)	GOVERNMENT SHARE (R)
Beaver	1,726	0.3	18.2	1.3	2.6	8.6	(a)	20.4
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Iron	6,517	1.2	4.6	3.9	5.0	6.2	9.8	26.7
Juab	2,150	0.4	13.2	ê.	(a)	25.8	7.3	20.7
Millard	3,416	9.0	30.9	1.8	1.2	6.8	6:4	21.4
Salt Lake	272,043	49.4	0.5	2.3	5.9	13.9	16.8	17.3
Tooele	10,959	2.0	3.1	9.0	10.0	6.7	4.5	57.1
Utah	59,393	10.8	4.6	7.0	6.1	20.0	9.02	16.6
Washington		1.2	6.9	0.4	7.0	6.7	11.9	21.4
Weber		6.8	2.3	0.1	8.4	11.4	14.5	30.2
Utah State Total	550,214		3.7	2.7		13.5	14.7	23.2
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Employment growth by sector for selected counties in Utah, 1967 to 1977. Table 1.1.1-2.

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Earnings by economic sector for selected counties in Utah, 1967-1977 (in millions of 1977 dollars). Table 1.1.1-3.

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Per capita income and earnings shares by economic sector, selected Utah counties, 1977. Table 1.1.1-4.

GOVERNMENT SHARE (PERCENT)	21.8	58.0	29.4	21.5	25.0	14.7	6.09	13.7	22.9	31.4	22.3	17.1	575-1
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MANUFACTURING SHARF (PERCENT)	6.9	11.6	œ Y	36.0	6.5	15.9	12.6	31.5	10.8	14.0	16.8	26.2	
CONSTRUCTION SHARE (PERCENT)	2.2	9.9	8.4	2.8	3.6	8.7	8.4	9.2	11.0	7.5	0.6	6.0	
MINING SHARF (PERCENT)	۳.	0 1	7.4	6.4	4.3	4.6	0.3	1.0	8.0	0.3	5.2	1.6	
AGRICULTURE SHARE (PERCENT)	6 9	9.0	1.8	5.8	8.02	0.2	1.2	1.5	4.7	0.5	1.4	2.2	
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TOTAL 1977 EARNINGS (000s of \$)	13,900	602,505	54,175	14,328	22,296	3,108,320	142,636	640,317	49,961	492,894	6,010,516	1,164,755,000	
1977 PER CAPITA INCOME	5,114	5.860	4.693	3, 797	3,978	6.712	5,684	4.854	4,381	6,158	5,943	7.026	
COUNTY	Beaver	Pavis	Iron	Juab	Millard	Salt Lake	Toople	Utah	Washington	Weber	State	U.S.	

Source BEA, 1979.

base represents a smaller than average county in Utah, \$35.3 million in Millard County and \$3.0 million in the City of Delta (Table 1.1.2-1). The general fund revenue structure of the potentially affected government units reflect a dependence on intergovernmental revenue transfers. Table 1.1.2-2 and Table 1.1.2-3 indicate the levels of revenues and expenditures in Millard County and the City of Delta, respectively. Intergovernmental revenues account for 62 percent and 63.2 percent of general fund receipts in Delta and Millard County, respectively; more than double the locally raised revenues (property tax, license and permits, fines and fees) in both jurisdictions.

Expenditure patterns differ widely between Millard County and the City of Delta. The deviation occurs in the Millard County budget, where public work expenditures are transferred in from the special revenue road fund. The result is a shifting of actual expenditure patterns within the general fund. Similarities do exist, however, in the public works expenditures for both jurisdictions. This category represents approximately one third of total general fund appropriations for Millard County and Delta. Delta additionally disburses another 34 percent of their general fund on public safety functions, while Millard County contributes only 16 percent. It is noted that Millard Counties' budget is ten times that of the City of Delta. Due to the relative size of Delta's budget, general fund revenues are first disbursed for necessary public services that maintain a safe and comfortable standard of living. As such, public safety and public works expenditures are considerably higher in percentage terms than Millard County's respective expenses. See Tables 1.1.2-2 and 1.1.2-3.

School district revenues and expenditures follow similar patterns across all districts in the State of Utah. Instruction expenses account for the largest single outlay (Table 1.1.2-4) of approximately 59 percent of total expenditures, excluding capital outlay and debt service. Fixed charges (insurance, pension payments) and operation and maintenance of the physical plant account for another 30.8 percent of maintenance and operation fund expenditures. Revenues for the Millard County School District are heavily dependent on state revenue (Table 1.1.2-5). These revenues account for over 60 percent of maintenance and operating fund revenues, almost double that of the 33.7 percent in local contributions. Federal sources of \$169,000 are earmarked for special purposes and constitute a minor share of revenues.

In summary, local governments in the Delta and vicinity area have less than adequate fiscal structures to support growth above low to moderate levels. Due to the less than average tax base of the governmental units, indebtedness levels are extremely low to support long term financing of major capital improvement projects. Reserve bonding capacities for Millard County and the school district are satisfactory, while the City of Delta has limited reserves of approximately \$780,000.

POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES (1.1.3)

Millard County, Utah is the primary area of analysis for the proposed operating base near Delta, with adjacent Beaver and Juab counties also included due to the probability of spillover of effects into those areas. Millard County's population, estimated as 8,297 in 1977 was 8,736 on April 1, 1980, according to preliminary 1980 census data, an increase of 25 percent since 1970. The population

Table 1.1.2-1. Valuation, indebtedness limitation and reserve bonding capacities, 1979.

JURISDICTION	ASSESSED VALUE	INDEBTEDNESS LIMITATION	OUTSTANDING 3.3. BONDS	RESERVE BONDING TAPACITY
Millard County	35,251,922	2,820,153	3	2,820,153
School District	33,111,959	5,297,913	3,258,300	2,139,913
Delta City	2,993,687	778,989	a ·	773,989

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School Year, 1978-79.

Source: Otah Foundation, Statistical Review of Jovernments in Otah, 1979 Edition.

Table 1.1.2-2. General fund revenues and expenditures, Millard County, Utah, selected years.

	1977	1978
Revenues		
Property Tax	349,857	369,049
License and Permit	462	1,305
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,035,071	1,282,052
fines and fees	213,431	249,610
"ther	125,292	126,291
Total Revenues	1,724,113	1,028,007
Expenditures		
Administration	371.759	410,293
Public Safety	144,741	210,893
Health and Welfare	20,954	33,553
Public Works, Parks and Recreation	467,464	623,672
Itner	214,055	#08,028
Total Expenditures	1,264,679	2,249,729

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Source: Millard Jounty, Jounty Jeneral Fund, Statement of Revenues and expenditures.

Table 1.1.2-3. General fund revenues and expenditures, City of Delta, Utah, fiscal year 1978-79.

Revenues	
Property Taxes	\$ 37,096
License and Permits	6,251
Intergovernmental Revenue	137,668
Fines, Fee and Charges	10,994
Other	30,138
Total General Fund	\$222,147
Expenditures	
Administrative	46,844
Judicial	1,042
Public Safety	76,440
Public Works	67,176
Parks and Recreation	13,253
Other	13,886
Transfers - T/O	4,000
Total Expenditures	\$222,681

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Source: City of Delta, General Fund Statement
of Revenues and Expenditures for the
Year Ended June 30, 1979.

Table 1.1.2-4. Summary of expenditures, by fund, Millard County School District, 1977-78.

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Maintenance and Operating Fund		
Administration	91,278	
Instruction	1,829,180	
Health Services	4,906	
Transportation	186,743	
Operation of Plant	274,763	
Maintenance of Plant	132,977	
Fixed Charges	545,535	
Other	26,294	
Total Maintenance and Operating Fund	3,093,676	
Capital Outlay and Debt Service Funds		
Capital Outlay	1,470,227	
Sites	157,747	
New Buildings	1,177,954	
Remodeling	1,445	
Other	133,081	
Debt Service	354,874	
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Funds	1,825,101	
Food Service Fund	248,634	
Other Funds	32,671	
Total — All Funds	5,200,082	

Source: Utah Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1978. 1977-78 Annual Report of the State Superintendent.

Table 1.1.2-5. Summary of revenues, all funds, Millard County School District, fiscal year 1977-78.

Maintenance and Operating Fund	:
Local Revenue	985,377
Property Taxes	923,137 -
Other	62,140
State Revenues	1,765,874
Basic School Program	1,187,931
Other	577,943
Federal Revenues	168,893
Transfer Payments—In State	-
Total Maintenance and Operating Fund	1,920,044
Capital Outlay and Debt Service Fund	
Local Revenue	638,352
Property Taxes	511,028
Other	127,324
State Revenue	-
Federal Revenue	-
Non-Revenue	11,276
Sale of Bonds	-
Other	11,276
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Fund	649,629
School Food Services Fund	257,74
Other Funds	8,236
Total All Funds	3,335,655

Source: Utan Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1978. 1977-78 Annual Report of the State Superintendent.

of the sparsely settled county, which has a density of about 1.3 persons per square mile, is dispersed among a number of small communities, the largest of which are Delta and Fillmore. Beaver and Juab counties, whose populations were 4,377 and 5,516, respectively, in 1980, grew more slowly than Millard during the last decade.

Data for 1970 on the spatial distribution and age composition of the populations of Millard, Beaver, and Juab counties, shown in Table 1.1.3-1, indicate that all of Millard's population was classified as rural, although only 15 percent resided on farms. All three counties had populations whose age structure was slightly older than that in the state of Utah as a whole. Persons of school age constituted 31.4 percent, 28.7 percent, and 28.3 percent of the total population in Millard, Beaver, and Juab counties, respectively.

Components of population change including net migration and natural increases, or excess of births over deaths, are presented in Table 1.1.3-2 for the periods 1960 to 1970 and 1970 to 1976. Since 1970, Millard County has experienced a moderate level of in-migration, estimated by the Bureau of the Census as 7.5 percent of its 1970 population, while very small amounts of out-migration are estimated in Beaver and Juab counties. These two counties experience modest growth in the period since 1970 as a result of natural increases in population exceeding the level of out-migration.

Projections of future population, presented in Table 1.1.3-3 and Figure 1.1.3-1, indicate a continued pattern of moderate population growth in Millard County through 1994 when the population is projected to reach about 12,500. Population expansion associated with several proposed large-scale projects, including the Intermountain Power Project, Continental Lime and Martin Marietta Cement Plants, and Precision Built Modular Home Manufacturing, would substantially increase the county's population over the trend-growth projection. With those projects the county population is projected to grow at a rate of more than 12 percent annually during the five years from 1980 through 1985, although population would decline during the next five year period and grow more slowly from 1990 to 1994 (Table 1.1.3-4). The population growth due to those projects would increase Millard County's population to over 18,700 by 1985, although projected population in 1994, about 15,500 persons, would be lower.

LAND USE (1.1.4)

Community Land Use

Land use data for Delta, Utah is available from the "Six-County Development Plan" (1979) prepared by the Six-County Commissioners Organization (which also serves as the A-95 areawide clearinghouse). Delta in northeastern Millard County, is eligible to receive guidance in its local planning activities from the Commissioners Organization since Millard County is one of the six member counties. Millard County prepared a master plan in 1971 and was in the process of updating it in 1979, partially due to the proposed Intermountain Power Project and proposed M-X operating base at Delta. The county also adopted a zoning ordinance in 1969 and a subdivision ordinance in 1970. Table 1.1.4-1 shows the ordinances that have been adopted by the communities in Millard County and Juab County to the north.

Table 1.1.3-1. Selected population characteristics in the Nevada/Utah impact region. (Page 1 of 2)

STATE		PO	POPULATION		
COUNTY	1960	1970	1975	1977	DENSITY 1975 PERSONS MI
Nevada					
Clark	127,016	273,288	330,714	361,095	41
Eureka	767	948	1,072	1,119	<1
Lincoln	2,431	2,557	2,647	2.857	<1
Nye	4,374	5,599	5.591	€.113	<1
White Pine	9,808	10.150	10,221	8,776	2
Utah					
Beaver	4,331	3.800	4.086	4,079	2
Iron	10,795	12,177	14.609	15.444	4
Juab	4,597	4.574	4.947	5 156	2
Millard	7,866	€.988	7.878	8.297	2
Salt Lake	383,035	458,607	512,130	540.533	670
Utah	106,991	137,776	165,745	177,106	82
Washing- ton	10,271	13.669	18,127	19,809	7
Nevada	285,278	488.738	590.268	636.962	ε
Utah	890,627	1.059.273	1.202.672	1.270.005	1.5

Table 1.1.3-1. Selected population characteristics in the Nevada/ Utah impact region. (Page 2 of 2)

	RURAL - UI	RBAN DISTRIB	UTION / 1970)	461) r	MEDIAN		
STATE PERCENT COUNTY RURAL FARM	PERCENT RURAL MOM-FARM	PERCENT URBAN	PERCENT UNDER 5	PERCENT 5-17	PERCENT 18-64	PERCENT 65+	AGE 1970 : IN YEARS	
Nevada								
Hark).4	5.1	94.5	9.5	26 . 4	39.0	5.1	27 5
Sureka	30.1	39.3	•)	11.4	22.9	50.1	5.6	30.5
tincoln	12.7	37.3)	9.7	32.4	47.7	10.2	27.5
Nve	5.4	95.0	3	3.3	24.2	60.4	7.1	36.1
White Pine	2.2	36.7	41.1	10.0	28.2	53.9	7.9	26.3
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Beaver	8.4	91.6	0	8.4	28.7	51.3	11.6	29.7
1 men	3.0	21.5	74.7	10.5	25.9	56.0	7.6	221.4
Juai	2.6	27.9	მშ. 4	10.2	28.3	49.3	12.2	27.5
Millard	13.7	85.0	0	9.3	31.4	46.3	12.5	27.9
Salt Salt	2.3	4.2	95.1	10.6	29.1	52.7	7.6	23.9
Tran	2.3	9.9	87.6	10.9	26.8	56.3	6.0	21.7
Washing- tin	2.5	45.4	51.8	10.2	29.3	48.2	12.3	20.4
'evada	2.:	17.0	80.9	8.9	26.0	58.8	3.3	27.9
Utah	3.1	16.3	30.6	10.6	29.6	52.5	7.3	23.0

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1975 County and City Data Book, 1977 Population Estimates for Counties and Incorporated Places, Nos. 341 and 357%, and 1970 Consus of Population.

Population change and components of change, 1960 to 1970 and estimated 1970 to 1976, by county, in the Nevada/Utah impact region. (Page 1 of 2) Table 1.1.3-2.

	.	POSTLATION CHANGE 1960-1970							
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Lincoin	2,857		4.6		0.6		5.2		
Nv e	₹.599		8.1		19.9		28.0		
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It at									
beaver	2.800		9.3		-21.6		-12.3		
Iron	12,177		16.4		-3.6		12.8		
Juat	4,574		7.7		-8.2		-0.5		
Millard	€.988		9.4	}	-20.€		-11,2		
Salt Lake	458,607		18.5		0.9		19.7		
Utab	137.778		23.3		5.7		28.8		
Washing- ton	13.669		16.8		16.3		33.1		
Nevaus	488,738		20.9		50.4		71.3		
Chab	1.059,273		20.1		-1.2		18.9		

Table 1.1.3-2. Population change and components of change, 1960 to 1970 and estimated 1970 to 1976, by county, in the Nevada/Utah impact region. (Page 2 of 2)

		POPULATION CHANGE 1970-1976							
	ESTIMATED	COM	COMPONENTS OF CHANGE						
STATE	POPULATION 1976	NATURAL	INCREASE	NET M	IGRATION	<u> </u>			
	1370	NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT		
Nevada									
Clark	343,400	21,200	7.7	48,900	17.9	70.100	25.€		
Eureka	1,200	(2)	1.3	300	26.9	300	28.2		
Lincoln	2,800	100	2.6	100	5.5	200	8.1		
Nye	5,900	100	1.4	200	4.3	300	5.7		
White Pine	10.000	700	6.6	-800	-7.9	-100	-1.3		
Utah	1				1				
Beaver	4,100	400	8.7	(2)	-1.2	300	7.5		
Iron	14,700	1.700	14.0	800	7.0	2,600	21.6		
Juab	4.900	400	8.5	-100	-1.2	300	7.3		
Millard	8.200	700	9.4	500	7.5	1,200	16.9		
Salt Lake	524.700	53.100	11.6	13.000	2.8	66,100	14.4		
Utah	170,300	27,200	19.7	5,300	3.9	32,600	23.€		
Washing- ton	18,700	1,900	13.9	3,200	23.2	5,100	37.1		
Nevada	610,000	31,000	6.3	90,000	18.5	121,000	24.8		
Utah	1,228,000	134,000	12.6	35,000	3.3	169,000	15.9		
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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 1.1.3-3. Projected population by county, assuming trend growth and assuming growth related to energy and mineral development projects in some counties, Nevada/Utah impact region, 1980-1994. (Page 1 of 2)

		PI	ROJECTED POF	ruation:		
STATE / COUNTY	ESTIMATED POPULATION	1980)	1985		
	1977 ¹	TREND GROWTH	HIGH GROWTH	TRENT) GROWTH	HIGE GROWTH	
Nevada						
Clark	361,095	453,881	453,952	543,857	544.830	
Eureka	1,119	1,089	1,089	1,169	1,169	
Lincoln	2,857	3.657	3.658	4,043	4.049	
Nye	6,113	8,267	8,268	10,799	10.804	
White Pine	8,776	8,246	8,247	8.630	12,975	
5-County Total	379.960	475.140	475.214	568 498	573.827	
Utah						
Beaver	4,079	4.455	4.77€	5.051	10.993	
Iron	15,444	17,449	17,460	20.348	20.500	
Juab	5.156	5,544	5.613	€.888	9.274	
Millard	8.297	8,915	10,459	10.940	18.746	
Salt Lake/ Utah	717,639	822,238	822,793	980.701	987,123	
Washington	19,809	22,150	22.150	27,200	27,200	
7-County Total	770,424	880.751	882,951	1,051.128	1,073.836	
Deployment Region Total	1,150.384	1,355.891	1,358,165	1,619,626	1,647,663	

Table 1.1.3-3. Projected population by county, assuming trend growth and assuming growth related to energy and mineral development projects in some counties, Nevada/Utah impact region, 1980-1994. (Page 2 of 2)

	PROJECTED POPULATION:								
STATE	199	90	1994						
COUNTY	TREND GROWTH	HIGH GROWTH	TRENI GROWTH	HIGH GROWTH					
Nevada									
Clark	623,794	624,539	686,699	687.585					
Eureka	1,278	1,278	1,368	1.368					
Lincoln	4,424	4,429	4,715	4.720					
Nye	11,971	11,974	12,901	12,900					
White Pine	9,545	13,902	10,238	15.05					
5-County Total	651,012	656.122	715.921	721.629					
Utah			†						
Beaver	5,297	9,965	5,516	10.56					
Iron	22,895	23.006	24,556	24.67					
Juab	7,650	8,364	8.077	8.84					
Millard	12,179	14,920	12,528	15,50					
Salt Lake/ Utah	1,079.131	1,083,344	1,144.685	1,149.69					
Washington	31.150	31.150	33,802	33.80					
7-County Total	1,158,302	1,170.749	1,229,164	1.243.09					
Deployment Region Total	1,809,314	1,826.871	1,945,085	1.964.72					

¹U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1977 Population Estimates for Counties and Incorporated Places, Series P-25. No. 841 (Nevada) and No. 857 (Utah), November 1979.

 $^{^2\}mbox{Bureau}$ of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah, 1980.

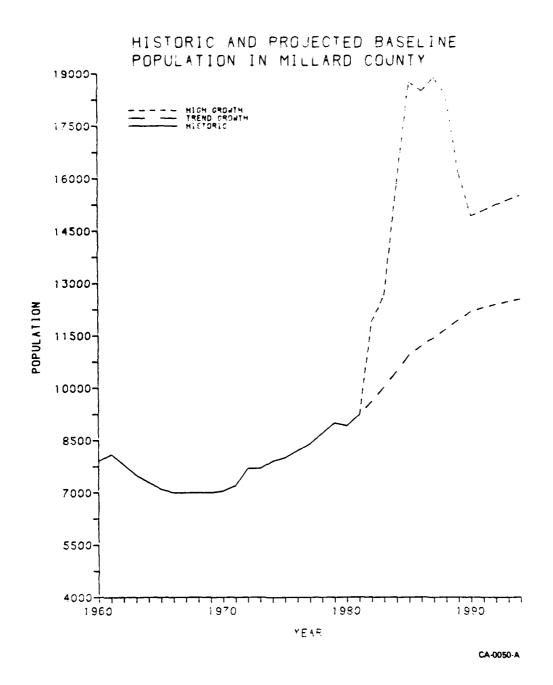


Figure 1.1.3-1. Historic and projected baseline population in Millard County.

Table 1.1.3-4. Projected annual compound growth rates by county, assuming trend growth and high growth associated with energy and mineral development projects, Nevada/Utah impact region.

STATE COUNTY	1977-1980		1980-1985		1985-1990		1990-1994	
	TREND GROWTH	HIGH GROWTH	TREND GROWTH	HIGH GROWTH	TRENL GROWTH	HIGH GROWTH	TRENI GROWTH	HIGH GROWTI
Nevada								
Clark	7.92	7.93	3.68	3.72	2.78	2.77	2.43	2.43
Lureka	-0.90	-0.90	1.43	1.43	1.80	1.80	1.72	1.72
Lincoln	8.58	8.58	2.02	2.02	1.79	1.79	1.61	1.61
Nye	10.59	10.59	5.49	5.49	2.08	2.08	1.89	1.89
White Pine	-2.06	2.06	0.91	9.49	2.04	1.39	1.77	2.00
5-County Total	7.74	7.74	3.65	3.84	2.75	2.72	2.40	2.41
Utah		i	!				!	
Beaver	2.98	5.40	2.54	18.14	0.96	-1.94	1.02	1.47
Iron	4.15	4.17	3.12	3.26	2.39	2.33	1.77	1.77
Juab	2.45	2.87	4.44	10.56	2.12	-2.04	1.37	1.42
Millard	2.42	8.02	4.18	12.38	2.17	-4.46	0.71	0.96
Sal. Lake/Utah	4.64	4.66	3.59	3.71	1.93	1.88	1.49	1.50
Washington	3.79	3.79	4.19	4.19	2.75	2.75	2.06	2.06
7-County Total	4.56	4.65	3.60	3.99	1.96	1.74	1.50	1.51
Deployment Region Total	5.63	5.69	3.62	3.94	2.24	2.09	1.83	1.84

Source: HDE Sciences, based on projections by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah, 1980.

Table 1.1.4-1. Inventory of plans and ordinances - Millard and Juab Counties (1979).

COUNTY	SUBDIVISION	ZONING	MASTER PLAN	PLANNING COMMISSION	MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE	WATER AND SEWAGE	VEEDS TPHATING
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Meadow		1	:				
Fillmore	X	X		X		Х	
Leamington			i				
Lynndyll		1	; !				
Holden		!	:				
Scipio		1	ĺ				
Delta	X	X	! !	X		Х	
Oak City		1					
Hinckley		•	i		:		
Juan	X(1974)	¹ X(1966)	ĺ	X	X-1974		•
Eureka		•	1				
Levan		·	!	•			
Mona	Х				1		
Nephi	X	Х		X		X	

Key . X-Complete

19xx;-Date Adopted I-Needs Updating P-In Process of Updating

Source: Six - County Commissioners, 1979. 'Six County Development Plan

The "Six County Development Plan," completed in 1979, provides basic information for Millard and Juab counties relative to land use, economics, public tacilities, transportation, mineral development, housing, recreation, social and cultural development and a range of other associated fields. The topic that this report and other similar reports do not cover is the establishment of goals and policies relative to development in Millard County. These development standards can only be generated from within by concerned citizens and their elected public officials acting in concert to make decisions relative to the future of the County.

The "Six County Development Plan" identified land use patterns in Millard and Juab counties and its communities and classified land use according to residential, commercial, industrial, public, transportation, agriculture and vacant land. The acreages are shown in Table 1.1.4-2. The Development Plan also identifies the Sevier River Valley area around Delta as the primary zone of irrigated and dry crop agriculture in Millard County.

Delta is located in the area being considered for most development in the County. Being the largest town in the valley, Delta would become the natural "center" for most activities and developments proposed nearby. While slightly larger than Fillmore in total population, Delta must still be considered to be a small, rural community in terms of land use. At the present time, only about 367 acres are devoted to residential use of all types while 343 acres are still used for agricultural purposes. Commercial development accounts for only 23.5 acres and industrial development for only 9 additional acres. The large, wide streets use up 115 acres and the total land area of the city is only 838.4 acres at the present time. Extensive lands in the Delta area are in private ownership. Table 1.1.4-3 provides data on land ownership in Millard County.

Implementing ordinances, zoning and subdivision ordinances are non-existent in most of the communities in Millard County. Historically, growth has been very slow in the county and the small amount of development that has taken place has required very little control or supervision.

Rural Land Use

Land use/land ownership patterns near Delta are shown in Figure 1.1.4-1.

Oil/gas leases are present in concentrations west of the Delta OB. In addition, construction and operation of the already approved and funded Intermountain Power Project will interact with the socioeconomic impacts of M-X basing at Delta.

The Corps of Engineers map, prepared on the basis of BLM computer printouts, shows a block of unpatented mining claims 10 mi to the northwest of the Delta OB study area. An established recreation area, Little Sahara, is near the proposed base.

Agriculture

Irrigated cropland is located in the vicinity of the city of Delta. The land in this area is used mainly for BLM administered grazing. The OB site facilities would be located in the Topaz Planning Unit where the BLM permits 29.2 acres per AUM for a total grazing authorization of 74,105 AUMs.

Table 1.1.4-2. Land use in Millard and Juab Counties (acres).

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Table 1.1.4-3. Land ownership - Millard County, 1978.

STATE C	WNED	FEDERALLY	OWNED	PRIVATELY	TOTAL ACRES	
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428,820	9.9	3,347,129	77.0	571,315	13.1	4,347,264

Source: Architects/Planners Alliance, Inc. Socioeconomic Analysis— Lunndyl Alternative Site. Salt Lake City, Utah, 1979.

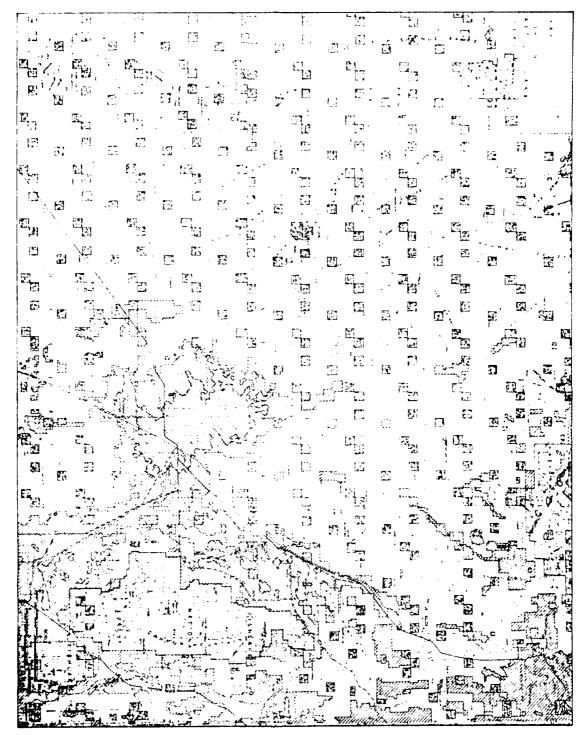


Figure 1.1.4 1. Surer land use land ownership in the vicinity of Delta, Utah (Fage 1 of 2).

LEGEND

PROPOSED NATURAL LANDMARK INPS

STATE WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREAS

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AREAS RECOMMENDED FOR INTENSIVE WILDERNESS INVENTORY (BLM)

RECREATIONAL AREA (BLM)

CULTURAL RESOURCES

ROCK ART

LIMITED ACTIVITY SITE

MULTIPLE ACTIVITY SITE

ARCHAEOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREA

NATIONAL REGISTER SITE OR DISTRICT

FEDERAL, STATE OR RECOMMENDED PROTECTED FISH

LEAST CHUB (louichthys phlegethontis) (ST)

PROPOSED/CANDIDATE THREATENED OR ENDANGERED PLANT SPECIES

Terrace buckwheat, Eriogonum natum (PT)

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(PT) = THREATENED AS PROPOSED BY STATE

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LAND RIGHTS/LAND USE IN THE VICINITY OF DELTA

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PRIVATE LANDS



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NATIONAL FOREST



FEDERAL WILDLIFE AREAS



AGRICULTURAL LANDS



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LANDS

Figure 1.1.4-1. Rural land use/land ownership in the vicinity of Delta, Utah (Page 2 of 2).

Recreation

No fishing or concentrated recreation sites are located in the vicinity. Because this area is mostly under public ownership, it is used for dispersed recreation, small-game hunting, collecting activities, and off-road vehicle use.

Mining

No mining sites are located on land designated for the proposed OB.

LAND OWNERSHIP (1.1.5)

Outside of a 10-mi radius around Delta about 90 percent of the land is federally owned, with an average of four sections out of every township (36 mi²) being in state control. Within the approximate 10-mi radius around Delta, the land is almost entirely under private ownership. Table 1.1.4-3 provides data on land ownership in Millard County.

HOUSING (1.1.6)

Over the last two decades, Millard County has had a mixed experience in housing growth. From 1960 to 1970 the number of housing units actually declined from 2,417 to 2,412, but in the next six years the average annual growth rate increased to 4.3 percent, so that by 1976 there were an additional 694 units, totalling 3,106. The proportion of the county's housing stock in single family units decreased from 94.4 percent in 1970 to 88.2 percent in 1976, while the share of multi-family units and mobile homes increased from 5.6 to 11.8 percent over the same period.

It is estimated from annual permits authorizing residential construction that, in the 1970 to 1979 period, an average of 30 conventionally built housing units were added each year, with a maximum annual addition of 56 in 1978. In 1976 there were approximately 339 mobile homes in Millard County, constituting a 10.9 percent share of the housing units. In 1970, 85.5 percent of the housing units were owner occupied.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (1.1.7)

Organization

Delta is located in the northeastern section of Millard County. Fillmore, although slightly smaller in population than Delta, is the county seat and is located about 35 mi southeast of Delta. Nearly 50 percent of the population in Millard County resides in these two cities with the remaining population scattered throughout communities located in areas north and south of Fillmore and around Delta. These communities include Hinckley, Holden, Kanosh, Leamington, Lynndyl, Meadow, Oak City, and Scipio.

Millard County is a part of the Six-County Commissioners Organization which as a body administers most of the state and federally funded programs for the region. At the county level a council of governments helps public officials to combine efforts and work collectively to overcome local problems and restraints.

Education

The Millard County School District with an enrollment of 2,176 pupils operates three elementary schools, one junior high, and two senior high schools. Historical enrollment levels have shown a slight decrease from 1974 to present, by approximately 30 students. Projected future enrollment levels describe a slight increase in elementary enrollments with a small decrease in other grade levels. Presently, enrollments total 1,042 elementary level students, 266 junior high students, and 875 senior high students. Approximately 90 teachers as well as 15 specialists serve the school district, as presented in Table 1.1.7-1. Future plans involve replacing one old building at Millard High School with a new facility, although no additional space will be available. See Table 1.1.7-2 for a list of the educational facilities in Millard County.

Health Care

The West Millard Hospital in Delta contains 36 beds, 18 of which are for acute care. Fillmore has an acute care hospital with 22 acute care beds and several nursing care beds. The county is served by five physicians, three in the Delta/Lynndyl area and two supporting the Fillmore area. Seven full-time registered nurses and six licensed practical nurses serve the area, as well as four dentists and two mental health workers Pelta is attempting to recruit an additional physician to the area. Millard County is also served by 29 emergency medical technicians, and ambulance service is provided form Delta to Payson, Provo, and Salt Lake City (Table 1.1.7-3).

Police Protection

There are three city police officers serving Delta, as shown in Table 1.1.7-4. Millard County has one sheriff and three deputies patrolling the county with additional help from six Utah Highway Patrolmen. Approximately four more officers and additional equipment are needed to adequately meet the present community needs.

Fire Protection

Fire protection services in Millard County are provided by volunteer fire-fighters. Both areas have an adequate fire insurance rating of 7. Approximately 25 firemen serve Deita and 30 firemen serve the Fillmore area (Table 1.1.7-5).

Water Supply and Distribution

Delta has water rights for 1,910 gpm and acquires its water from three wells. Water use averages 238 gpcd and peaks at about 520 gpcd. Average use is nearly 0.5 MGD for the city. Storage capacity, 0.6 MG in two steel tanks, is 65 percent of ideal storage standards including 300,000 gallons for a two-hour fire flow. Each storage reservoir is served by a 10 in. main. The Delta water system has sufficient capacity in all respects for current requirements except for storage. However, should demand increase beyond present supply capacity, arrangements for additional water rights will require some study since the Delta groundwater basin is now over appropriated. The population of Delta City is projected to be 2,800 persons by 1987 from normal growth and is projected to increase to 5,300 persons if the Intermountain Power Project goes ahead as planned.

Summary of educational statistics for study area Table 1.1.7-1. locations.

COUNTY	ENROLLMENTS	EXCESS CAPACITY	TEACHERS	PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO	FUTURE PLANS
¹ White Pine County	1,662	1,060	91	18.3	Not Available
² Clark County	86,479 (79')	Very Little	3,730	23.1	Development Occurring
³ Iron County	4,052	40	191	21.2	School Bond passed to build new elementary school.
Beaver County	1,026	650	53	19.4	Not Available
⁵ Millard County	2,176	134	88	24.7	Remodeling Occurring
⁶ Dall a m County	1,600	100	102	15.7	Available land for future expansion.
⁷ Curry County	7,850	1,875	417	16.R	Expansion of classrooms in all levels is planned.
BLincoln County	911	170	54	16.9	Not Available

¹Nevada Department of Education, 1979-80. Enrollment and Certified Personnel Information, Volume 22. Nevada Department of Education, 1979-60. Enrollment and Certified Personnel Information. Vol. 22.

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Table 1.1.7-2. Education facilities in Millard County.

FACILITY	LOCATION	1979-80 ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY
Elementary K-4	Delta	510	510
Delta Middle 5-7	Delta	266	300
Delta High 8-12	Delta	480	580
Garrison Elementary 1-8	Garrison	7	25
Elementary K-6	Fillmore	525	500
Millard High 7-12	Fillmore	395	395
Total		2,176	2,310

Source: Ken Topham, School Superintendent, Millard County. May, 1980.

Health services and facilities in study area locations. Table 1.1.7-3.

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Table 1.1.7-4. Police protection characteristics in study area locations.

COUNTY/COMMUNITY	POLICE OFFICERS	SHERIFF	HIGHWAY PATROL
White Pine County l Ely and Vicinity	13	15	3
Clark County ² Coyote Springs area	738	Serves Area	Serves Area
Iron County ³ Beryl and vicinity	15	Serves Area	Serves Area
Beaver County ⁴ Milford and vicinity	2	Serves Area	Serves Area
Millard County ⁵ Delta and vicinity	3	4	6
Dallam/Hartley Counties ⁶ Dalhart and Vicinity	7 (Dallam) O (Hartley)	14 (Daliam) 2 (Hartley)	Serves Area
Curry County ⁷ Clovis and Vicinity	72	Serves Area	Serves Area
Lincoln County ⁸ Panaca, Pioche, Caliente	6	7	1

White Pine County Sheriff's Department, 5 June, 1980. M. Burns, Deputy, telephone conversation.

²Las Vegas Police Department, 5 June 1980. Officer Bottomly, Personnel Officer, telephone conversation.

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 $^{^{7}}$ Clovis Police Department, 5 June 1980, 7. Garcia, Secretary I, telephone conversation.

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Fire protection characteristics in study area locations. Table 1.1.7-5.

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FULLTIME FIRE DEPARTMENT	5 Paid Staff	254 Fire Fighters	3 paid staff	1	1 1	1 paid staff	75 Fireman (EMP trained)	,
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Wastewater Collection and Treatment

The wastewater collection system in Delta consists of vitrified clay pipe, some oakum and some open joints, asbestos concrete pipe, and PVC pipe. The system consists of about 8.5 mi of pipe and 90 manholes, with no storm drain connections to the system. Approximately 775 connections to the system generate an average daily flow of 0.4 MGD. The wastewater treatment facility at Delta was constructed in 1971, and consists of a 6-cell stabilization lagoon. The facility was designed for a population of 3,500 persons plus an additional BOD load of 200 pounds from industry and has a current capacity of 0.5 MGD. Present domestic flow load factors are 150 gpcd and 0.17 pounds BOD. The system will detain an average daily flow of 0.525 MGD for 150 days before discharge is necessary. Through 1979, only cells 1, 2, and 3 have approached capacity and the system has operated as a complete containment lagoon without discharge. The wastewater collection system is adequate for current conditions and can sustain additional growth of more than 100 connections, while treatment facilities could sustain an additional 3,000 residents.

Solid Waste

Each of the five cities in West Millard County and three unincorporated areas have open dumps in which to dispose of solid waste. The open dump in Delta has existing available capacity of 10 acres. Fillmore has a 40 acre site with approximately 32 acres yet unused. Residents must haul their waste to these open dumps as no pickup services are provided in Millard County. Millard County officials are planning to consolidate and centralize all solid waste facilities into one or two sanitary landfills in order to meet federal requirements and health regulations.

Parks and Recreation

Millard County has within it several major recreational facilities, including Territorial Statehouse, a facility of the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, and a number of U.S. Forest Service sites in nearby Fishlake National Forest: Adelaide, Meadow Creek, Shell Oil Site, Copley Cave, Shingle Mill, Buckskin Charly, Pistol Rock, Maple Hollow, Maple Grove, Plantation Flat, and Oak Creek Maple Grove. In addition, Table 1.1.7-6 describes selected urban recreational facilities in Delta. Delta maintains a total of 5 acres of city-owned parks and 26 acres of school/church recreation areas. At present approximately 12 additional acres of parks are needed.

QUALITY OF LIFE (1.1.8)

Delta is a small community located in a cluster of small towns, which are primarily agricultural in their background and character. Delta is the center for alfalfa seed production in the state and is dependent on irrigation from the Sevier River. Millard County population has been slowly declining. From 1970 to 1977 this trend has reversed and the county has grown at a rate of 2.5 percent during this time (Table 1.1.8-1).

It is a region characterized by a long period of out-migration as the number of farms has declined since 1940. Those residents who remain are typically those with a strong attachment to their community as home. In fact, in a recent survey of residents of the Delta area, it was revealed that 99 percent of the county residents reported that they considered the town they live in as home. They further indicated

Table 1.1.7-6. Selected recreation facilities data, 1979.

TYPE	OWNERSHIP	SIZE	FACILITIES
Delta			
Swimming pool	West Millard Recreation District	2 acres	84' x 75' pool; enclosed; restrooms/dressing rooms
City park	City of Delta	5 acres	Playground equipment, tourist information booth; pavillion; 2 lighted tennis courts, picnic tables.
Recreation Center	L.D.S. Church	5 acres	Basketball court
Ballfields	L.D.S. Church	2 acres	2 lighted ball diamonds
High School recreation area	Millard County School District	10 acres	Football field with bleachers practice field: baseball field: 4 lighted tennis courts, gym
Middle School recreation area	Millard County School District	7 acres	Play area; basketball standard; gym
Elementary School recreation area	Millard County School District	5 acres	Playground equipment; ball field

Source: Local West Millard County officials and APA planning and research.

Table 1.1.8-1. Quality of life indicators, Millard County.

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that they would leave only with reluctance and two-thirds reported that the area they live in is about the "best community" they could live in (Architects/Planners Alliance, Inc. 1979).

Delta and the surrounding communities—Desert/Oasis, Hinckley, Learnington, Lynndvl, Oak City, and Sugarville are agrarian small towns, with agriculture being the highest employment sector. High operating costs and low profit margins contribute to a low per capita income in the county. The 1977 per capita income was just under \$4,000/year, only 67 percent of the state average. Wages are currently low in most employment sectors. This would change if projects such as the Intermountain Power Project (IPP) were to locate in the area. The marginality of some farm operations is indicated by the observation that many farmers voluntarily sold their water irrigation rights to the IPP exchanging their traditional way of life for a guaranteed financial return.

The unemployment rate in the county is very low at 4.7 percent and the civilian labor force has been growing between 1970 and 1977 at the rate of 3.3 percent/year, somewhat below the state average of 5.6 percent, but well above the national average of 2.4 percent. Just over 20 percent of the county's population was on public assistance support during 1976, close to the national rate but well above the state average of 14.7 percent. The economy of the area is somewhat stagnant compared to the rest of the state.

Whereas residents view their community in very favorable terms, this is not to say that it is ideal in all regards. The public attitude survey indicated the perceived important advantages of the community were "access to outdoors", "air quality", and "community spirit" while significant disadvantages were perceived of as "appearance" and "opportunity to earn a living", which are rated by local citizens as characteristics of the area that "need improvements" (Architects/Planners Alliance, Inc. 1979). The perception of economic disadvantages associated with the area strongly disposes the local population to support additional economic growth for the region. Growth of new employment opportunities is perceived as the basis for reversing the flow of migrants out from this area.

The appearance of the communities has been described as part of the environment that "needs improvement". Related to this attitude is the observation that the median value of housing is well below that for the state as a whole. While the housing stock may consist of older homes, and of low dollar value, they are overwhelmingly owner-occupied single family dwelling units. Utah tends to have large families. This fact coupled with the older homes in the area is reflected in the statistics on overcrowding. Over 10 percent of the housing units had over one person per room in 1970. The state average is just under the rate observed for Millard County and is a full two percentage points above the national norm of 8.0 percent. The distribution of trailer houses is low constituting only 2.8 percent of the housing stock in 1970. This compares to approximately 10 percent for the community of Delta.

Based on objective indicators, law enforcement officials appear understaffed at a rate well below state and national averages. Looking at statistics on crime rates for Utah and specifically, rural Utah counties, it is revealed that violent crimes and crimes against property occur at rates which are exceptionally low, 1.5/1,000 population and 21.1/1,000 population respectively. Residents of Millard

County, however, while having a very low objective includence of criminal activity, display a high degree of concern about law enforcement.

With respect to fire protection, there is evidence of both a 5-w and high rating existing within the county. This reflects the fact that fire departments within the county are perceived as being of varying quality. Some commenctes give their fire department high ratings while others give their low ratings.

Crime rates are usually directly correlated with the level of social disorganization evident in a community. Indicators of social disorganization correlate positively with crime rate data as Millard County shows very low rates of divorce, suicide, and alcoholism. Suicide rates will not be discussed at the local level as they are calculated in terms of rate 1,000,000 population and in a small county the rate is too unstable to be a reliable statistic. Suicides are very rare here, however, as only one suicide is recorded between 1970 and 1976. District 4, which includes Millard County, had a rate of 9.4/1,000 population, well below the state and national averages. Alcoholism rates are estimated at 19.3/1,000 population, close to the state mean, but less than half the national alcoholism rate of 42/1,000 population. Divorces, reflecting the long term stability of families and high community cohesion in the area occur at an exceptionally low rate. The divorce rate in Millard County is 1.7/1,000 population, only one-third the state divorce rate of 5.1/1,000 population.

An understanding of the low ratings on variables reflecting social disorganization lies within local institutions providing community goods and services. In particular, "quality of religious life," "programs for aged," "schools" and "effectiveness of local government" are given exceptional ratings in terms of their adequacy and availability. These social and political service institutions provide the local population a high degree of integration and cohesion within the community stability. These high quality amenities are partially offset by the feeling that "facilities for youth," "shopping," "cultural activities," and "restaurants and entertainment" need improvement.

As indicated above, schools are evaluated by local residents as exceptional, indicating a very high level of satisfaction concerning their adequacy. Additional facilities for youth are evaluated as much less adequate. Based on objective indicators, the county educational institutions do not appear as exceptional. Apparently, their effectiveness is only partially determined by their pupil/teacher ratio of 23.4:1, slightly better than the state average of 24.8:1. Median school years completed at 12.4 is slightly less than the state and national average of 12.8 and 12.5, respectively. Nevertheless, this is a high level of education considering that Millard is a rural county with an older population distribution.

Recreation is available throughout the county on the large BLM landholdings and in Forest Service land along the eastern side of the county. Parks and playgrounds are evaluated as satisfactory by residents of the county, with some communities appearing to have better facilities than others. Access to the outdoors is viewed as exceptional in the area and was identified by residents as a major advantage of the physical environment in the Delta area.

In summary, the Delta region presents itself as an area with a high quality physical and social environment. It has experienced a slow pace of growth and social change. Its citizens indicate a high level of satisfaction with their way of life

and are favorably disposed to a moderate pace of growth and industrial diversification.

ENERGY (1.1.9)

Delta has no natural has service. Although no plans exist for extension of service to the area, if such service were to be provided the supplier would be Mountain Fuel Supply (MFS). Salt La'e City. Pacific Gas Transmission (PGT), a subsidiary of Pacific Gas and Electric, San Francisco, has proposed to build a 30-in-high pressure gas transmission line from Kemmerer, Wyoming, and Bonanza, Utah, joining east of Provo, Itan, near Strawberry Reservoir, and continuing along Interstate 15 through Cedar City, Utah, and Las Vegas, Nevada, to southern California. Delta is located approximately 26 mil west of the proposed pipeline route.

Home energy requirements are supplied by bottled gas, fuel oil and electricity. The fuels are trucked in from Las Vegas, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Electrical energy to Deita is supplied by Utah Power and Light Company via two 46 KV subtransmission lines.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION (1.1.10)

The proposed base the is approximately 26 million to S. Highway 5%. This is the only major road near the site. Access to the proposed base site will be trimarily along this route. Near the community of Delta a number of state and county roads cross the area. Figure 1.1.10-1 is a schematic map showing the proposed site, the major roads in the area, and 1978 traffic volumes.

The average daily traffic during 1978 on U.S. 50 near the proposed site was 530. Within the community of Delta traffic along U.S. 50 is considerably higher.

The proposed Internocentary Power Plant location is northwest of Delta near the community of Evendel. During construction of the plant a large number of construction workers will move into the area. Traffic will indoubtedly increase in the entire area as a result, but it is not likely that this will significantly affect traffic volumes near the passe site itself. Traffic within Delta and other communities, especially to the northeast, will read obtedly increase, however.

NATIVE AMERICANS (1.1.11)

Community Environment

The Delta area was potential cultural significance to three Utan Indian tribal groups: the word de Shadone, Western Ute, and Southern Papute. Portions of the Sevier Deserr portraind west of the Delta area he in the southeastern territory of the most area, who has dear the Skull Valley and Gosbute reservations. The extent of which the Although is an thin same, has not yet been determined. Two translates of Western Statements in the Lappenogon and Pahvant, inhabited the Sevier Desert and from area statement of the 1856s. Tempanogots' vallages are for amounted in Tarty where the statement of the Pahvant inhabited

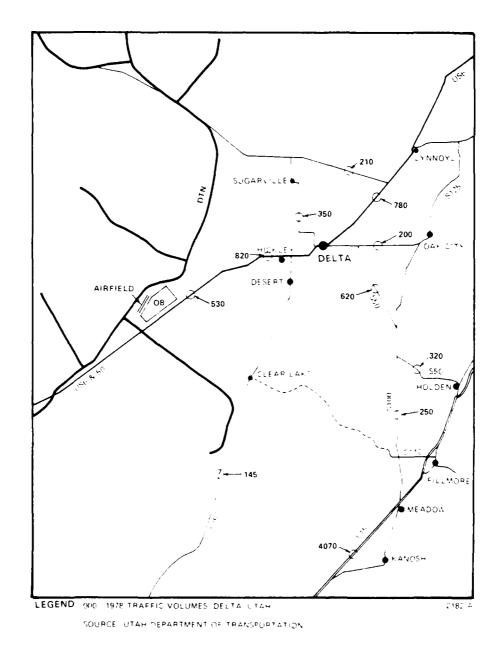


Figure 1.1.10-1. Existing traffic volumes in the vicinity of Delta.

permanent settlements on the Sevier River, Beaver River, and on the adjacent flank of the Pahvant Mountains. Winter villages corresponding to major Pahvant divisions were located at Lynndyl, Deseret, Black Rock, Kanosh, Holden, and Scipio. Contemporary Southern Paiutes moved into the Sevier Desert basin after the emigration of the Utes to the Uintah Reservation in the 1850s and are now dominant in the area.

The Sevier Desert hydrologic unit contains 23 recorded aboriginal habitation sites and 54 springs. An intensive survey of this large area has not been conducted. Rock art sites are documented for the Sheeprock and Simpson Mountains in the northern portion of the unit, and for lava flow areas south of Delta. In addition, sensitive burial grounds occur in the Pahvant and Canyon Ranges east of Delta.

The discussion of Utah Southern Paiutes in Section 1.1.10 of ETR-6 (Beryl) and ETR-33 (Milford) is also applicable to Delta. In addition, the Skull Valley Reservation of Goshute Shoshones is 65 mi north of Delta. The reservation consists of 17,445 acres, and with an enrolled membership of 87, is economically depressed. Field investigations to gather site-specific data on the cultural resources and socioeconomic conditions of the Utah Southern Paiutes and Goshute Shoshones in the region are completed and the data are being analyzed.

Operating Base and Vicinity

There are no reservation lands or Native American communities in the immediate OB siting area. The Delta area has potential cultural significance to three Utah tribes: the Ute, Southern Paiute, and Goshute Shoshone. The area under consideration was occupied in late prehistoric and early historic times by the Pahvan Utes. The Pahvan inhabited permanent settlements along the Sevier River, Beaver River, and adjacent Pahvant Mountains. Winter villages corresponding to major Pahvant divisions were located at nearby Lynndyl and Deseret, as well as at Holden, Scipio, Kanosh, and Black Rock. Pahyant Ute cultural remains in the area are therefore extensive. Portions of the Sevier Desert and areas to the north and west of the Delta OB site lie in the southeastern territory of the Goshute Shoshone. This region appears to have been regularly shared by Utes and Goshutes in their respective hunting and gathering endeavors. Scattered archaeological remains of varying provinces are recorded north of the OB site location. Site-specific data on Native American cultural resources and socioeconomic environment gathered at the Kanosh and Richfield Indian Colonies and at the Skull Valley and Goshute Reservations are currently being analyzed.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES (1.1.12)

There are no recorded archaeological or historical sites in the immediate OB vicinity, due in large measure to the lack of previous field survey. However, the proximity of the Sevier and Beaver rivers located immediately to the east of the OB suggests that the potential for cultural resources in this area is high. Scattered finds of fluted projectile points along the Sevier River attest to the possible presence of early man in this region, and Fremont sites are known in the general area.

Four National Register properties occur in the immediate vicinity of the Delta OB including Fort Deserct, the Gunnison Massacre site, the Topaz War Relocation

Center, and the PaleoIndian site, 42 MD 396. A high potential exists for the occurrence of other archaeological and historic sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Some 116 known sites occur within the Sevier Desert hydrologic basin (Table 1.1.1.2.1), and within a 20 mi radius of the OB site approximately 36 percent of the land area is of moderate or high sensitivity.

Paleontology

The Delta OB siting area is located on alluvial valleyfill in an area that at one time was inundated by Lake Bonneville. Lake Bonneville was a large lake that covered much of the Otal Basin and Range during the late Pleistocene, up to about 10,000 years ago. Important vertebrate fossils have been found in scattered locations in the Bonneville sedments.

OTHER PROJECTS (1.1.13)

Economic Activity

Major anticipated activities in the county include the Intermountain Power Project (IPP), Continental Lime and Martin Marietta Cement Plants, and Precision Built Modular Home Manufacturing. IPP is expected to employ over 2,500 during the peak construction period. The other three anticipated projects are expected to create a total of about 400 jobs beginning in 1980 and continuing through 1994.

Table 1.1.13-1 presents cambias ment projections over the 1980-1994 period for Millard County. These forevists are separated into Baseline 1 and Baseline 2. The first set of projections are essentially an extrapolation of 1967-1978 growth trends in Millard County. Baseline 2 includes Baseline 1 plus the major anticipated projects described above. These projections, reveloped by the University of Utah's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BEBR), forecast employment by place of residence and not place of work, as in Tables 1.1.1-1 and 1.1.1-2. In the case of Millard County, many persons working in the county live elsewhere, thereby reducing BEBR's employment figures. In comparison to the 1977 employment figure of 3,416 presented in Tables 1.1.1-1 and 1.1.1-2, employment by place of residence for this same year was equal to 3,636 jobs 11 tab Department of Employment Security, 1980). Employment by place of residence for 1978 and 1979 equalled 3,220 and 3,359 jobs, respectively. Forecasts for Baseline 1 show a drop in 1980 employment to 3,161, then a steady increase through 1994; an average annual growth is projected to equal 1.7 percent. The total number of jobs would increase by 858 over the 1980-1994 period. The Baseline 2 estimate for 1989 employment is 3,964, 803 jobs more than the Baseline I figure. Principally the result of IPP, but also due to the other anticipated projects, Baseline 2 increases at an average annual rate of 17.1 percent between 1980 and 1985, reaching the peak of 8,717 jobs in 1985. During the next 5 years, county employment is expected to decrease by 3,310 jobs with average annual growth over the 1985-1990 period equalling -9.1 percent. This large reduction in employment marks the completion of construction of IPP. These projects in Millard County would very likely induce significant stress on the local economy as industries would attempt adjustment. Local labor shortages initially with surpluses in later years, wage inflation, initially, and in-migration of new workers in early forecast years with rapid out-migration later in key occupations would be likely events. After 1990, under Baseline 2, the county's employment is expected to return to positive growth, with 6.4 percent average annual growth rate over the period 1990-1994.

Table 1.1.12-1. Locations of known site types by topographic zones in the Sevier Desert basin.

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Table 1.1.13-1. Projected employment by major industrial sector, Millard County, 1980-1994.

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Population

Under the assumption that past trends continue into the future, Millard County will experience steady growth: the populations increasing form 8,915 in 1980 to 12,528 in 1994 giving an average annual growth rate of 2.5 percent. This is shown as Baseline 1 in Figure 1.1.13-1. Under the assumption that a number of construction projects reach fruition, growth can be expected to be much more rapid. See Baseline 2 in Figure 1.1.13-1. Over the period 1980-1983, the average annual rate of increase is 6.6 percent; from 1983-1985, it rises to 21.6 percent; for the period 1985-1988, it stabilizes at -0.7 percent; falls to -9.8 percent from 1988-1990; and then rises gradually at a rate of 1.0 percent form 1990-1994.

1.2 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES (1.2.1)

Vegetation

According to data acquired from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the immediate area considered for the potential OB site in the Delta area includes the following vegetation types: grassland, shadscale scrub, and alkali sink scrub. Figure 1.2.1-1 shows the candidate OB site with respect to major vegetation types that occupy areas large enough to be mapped at the given scale. The site is located north of the town of Delta, on the floor of the Sevier Desert. The general area is flat, with elevations ranging from 4,600 ft (1,400 m) to 4,900 ft (1,490 m). The vegetation types found in the larger area delineated by the Sevier Desert watershed boundary include, in addition to those listed above, Great Basin sagebrush, riparian woodland, and pinyon-juniper woodland. Some agricultural activity is also apparent.

The BLM lists James' galleta grass (<u>Hilaria jamesii</u>), and alkali sacaton (<u>Sporobolus airoides</u>) as two species typical of grassland vegetation. Grassland stretches into an area of sand dunes, located within the proposed OB site. Horsebrush (Tetradymia sp.) is present in the area also.

Another vegetation type found at the potential OB site is shadscale, or saltbush scrub. This is the major vegetation type occurring in the Bonneville Basin area of Utah, which includes the OB site. The typical species here are shadscale (Atriplex confertifolia), and bud sage (Artemisia spinescens). Shadscale vegetation generally is low-growing, about one to one-and-a-half feet high, and consists of shallow-rooted plants and is often found on saline soils.

An area typified by sticky-leaved rabbitbrush (Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus), and horsebrush is found in the region just south of the grassland. The BLM uses the term "desert shrub" to describe this vegetation, considered by some to be an association of shadscale scrub. Rabbitbrush is a low plant, significant because of its ability to establish itself quickly in areas where soil has been disturbed (McArthur et al 1978).

Alkali sink scrub also occurs at the potential OB site. The characteristic species are greasewood (Sarcobatus vermiculatus), and green molly (Kochia americana). James' galleta grass (Hilaria jamesii) occurs in the northern sector, and greasewood predominates on the west side of the proposed OB site. Greasewood is

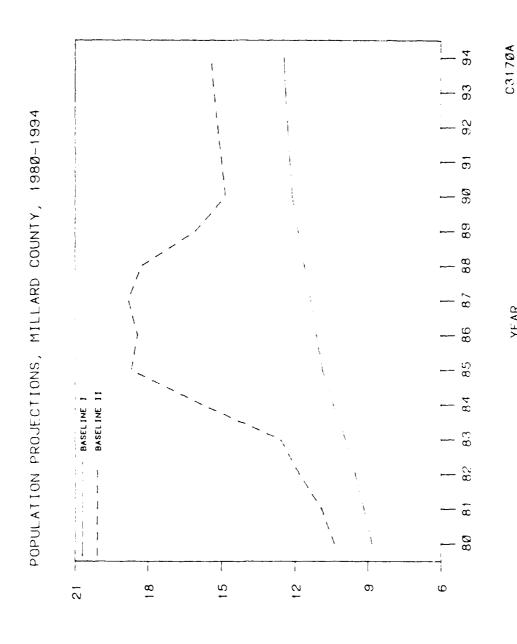


Figure 1.1.13-1. Population projections for Millard County 1980 - 1994.

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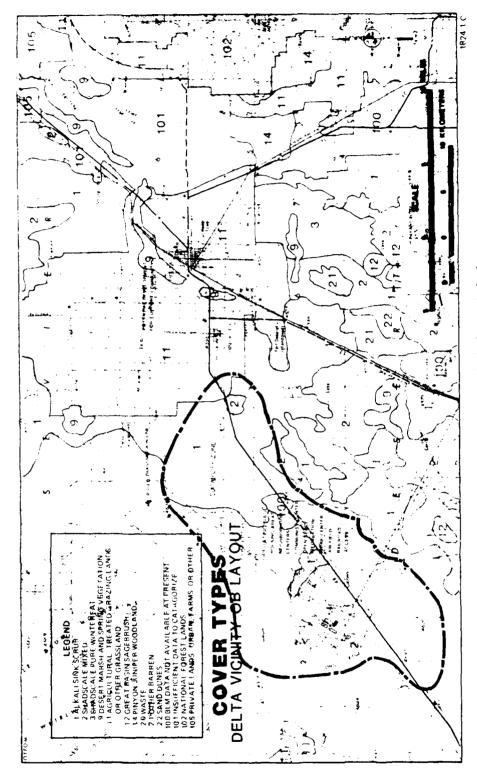


Figure 1.2.1-1. Vegetation cover types in the vicinity of Delta.

often found in moist low areas, since it can tolerate more soil moisture than shadscale (Atriplex confertifolia).

Alkali sink scrub and shadscale scrub are the most abundant vegetation types in the Sevier Desert watershed. These two vegetation types form a mosaic pattern across the majority of the valley bottom. The characteristic species which make up alkali sink scrub have been listed above. A general list of characteristic plants for shadscale scrub follows:

Scientific Name	Common Name
Artemisia spinescens	Budsage
Atriplex canescens	Four-wing saltbush
Atriplex confertifolia	Shadscale
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	Sticky-leaved horsebrush
Eurotia lanata	Winterfat
Grayia spinosg	Hop-sage
Kochia americana	Green Molly
Tetradymia spp.	Horsebrush

Winterfat often occurs in pure stands, for example, north of Clear Lake and in the area north of Kanosha. Shadscale also predominates in certain areas, especially in the southern portion of the watershed, east of the Cricket Mountains.

Various grassland areas occur in the Sevier Desert watershed. The BLM maps large "grass" types in the following areas: the marsh area surrounding Carr Lake; the marsh area surrounding Clear Lake; an area of about 10 mi² just west of the Beaver River and east of the Cricket Mountains; and one area near White Sage Flats, southwest of the town of Kanosh.

Great Basin sagebrush consists of low, silvery gray shrubs, two to seven feet tall. It occurs in the south-central portion of the watershed, on Tabernacle Hill and on the old lava flow area which is to the north of Tabernacle Hill. It is also found in the Cricket Mountains and the Swasey Mountains in the west, and in the northern section of the watershed. It is characterized by the following shrub dominants:

Scientific Name	Common Name
Artemisia arbuscula	Dwarf sagebrush
Artemisia nova	Black sagebrush
Artemisia tridentata	Big sagebrush
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	Sticky-leaved rabbitbrush
Ephedra viridis	Mormon tea
Leptodactylon pungens	Prickly phlox
Tetradymia sp.	Horsebrush

Black sagebrush generally occurs on steeper slopes with shallower soil. Big sagebrush, a larger shrub, is more often found in deep, moist soil.

The Sevier River contains surface water year-round, and riparian vegetation occurs along its banks. Cottonwoods (Populus fremontii), willows (Salix spp.), and tamarisk (Tamarix sp.) are the major trees associated with river areas.

Pinyon-juniper woodland occurs in the mountains and on high bajadas above the 5,500 ft (1,680 m) elevation level. It is a tree-dominated community dominated by 10-30 ft Utah juniper (Juniperus osteosperma), western juniper (J. occidentale), and singleleaf pinyon (Pinus monophylla). The understory often consists of shrubs such as big sagebrush and antelope brush (Purshia tridentata).

Wildlife

Mule deer occur to the north in the Drum and Little Drum Mountains, to the west in the House Range, and to the south in the Cricket Mountains. Pronghorn antelope occur throughout much of the Sevier Desert and directly where this OB site is located. Major waterfowl areas are located at the Topaz State Waterfowl Management Area approximately 20 mi northeast and at Clear Lake State Waterfowl Management Area approximately 15 mi to the southeast.

Aquatic Species

The Sevier River and short streams in canyon drainages of the Pahvant and Canyon Mountains southeast of Delta contain game fish. Other game fishing opportunities for new residents of the Delta OB would be more than 30 mi (50 km) away from the proposed site.

Protected Species

No protected or proposed protected terrestrial animals occur in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site. The federally protected bald eagle winters in Rush Valley (a major wintering area) north of the base site and at the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge about 50 mi northwest of the proposed site. The wintering grounds closest to the site are about 20 mi east of this site in the area around Greenwood, Utah where many eagles were sighted in 1979. The peregrine falcon may nest in the Canyon Mountains, 30 mi east of the proposed site.

Four populations of the terrace buckwheat (Erigonum natum) are known to occur approximately 10 mi to the west of the OB site.

Wilderness and Significant Natural Areas

Recommended designated wilderness study areas and significant natural areas located within a 50 mi radius of the potential Delta OB site are listed below in Table 1.2.1-1.

SURFACE WATER (1.2.2)

Source

Delta is located in the Sevier Desert. The principal sources of surface water supply to the Sevier Desert are 1) inflow of the Sevier River (all of its water originates outside the basin) and 2) precipitation on the contiguous mountains, foothills, and alluvial fans above 4,800 ft. on the eastern and northern sides of the basin. The most important source of water originating within the basin is the snowpack in the mountains; the melt water sustains stream flow. Rain which falls erratically in short-term high intensity, summer thunderstorms, is the source of rapid runoff and flooding.

Table 1.2.1-1. Potential wilderness and significant natural areas within a 50-mi radius of the Delta site.

	AREA	MILES FROM OB SITE
Poten	tial Wilderness Areas	
1)	Notch Peak	18
2)	Howell Peak	21
3)	King Top	50
4)	Swasey Mountain	40
5)	Fish Springs Range	37
Signi	ficant Natural Areas	
1)	Antelope Springs Trilobite Beds	13
2)	Clear Lake Wildlife Management Area	10
3)	Topaz Wildlife Management Area	10
4)	Fumarole Butte	24
5)	Deer Habitat Management Area	40

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Streams

The Sevier and Beaver River originate outside the basin in the high plateaus to the east and southeast and terminate in the Sevier Desert. The Sevier River, which flows in close proximity to the City of Delta, enters the eastern side of the basin through Learnington Canyon and flows southwestward toward Sevier Lake. No perennial tributary streams reach the river within the Sevier Desert, although two, Oak Creek and the Beaver River, probably did before they were diverted for irrigation. Several perennial streams originate in the mountains surrounding the basin. As these streams flow into the basin, water from them percolates into the basin fill. There are several intermittent and ephemeral streams which seldom flow far beyond the mountain fronts because they seep into the alluvial fill.

Lakes and Reservoirs

River water reaches Sevier Lake only during periods of extremely high runoff because most of the flow is stored in reservoirs and used for irrigation. These reservoirs are Gunnison Bend Reservoir, less than 1.2 mi to the east of Delta, and DMAD reservoirs, about 5 mi to the northeast. Underflow from the Pahvant Valley discharges into Clear Lake, located approximately 31 mi south of Delta.

Dams and Canals

A system of dams and canals is used to store and direct water from the Sevier River for irrigation of small areas near Leamington and Lynndyl and a large area near Delta. The Central Utah Canal carries water along the east edge of the basin from the Sevier River into Pahvant Valley, to the southeast of Delta.

Drainage

The Sevier Desert, although appearing quite flat, slopes generally southwest toward the Sevier Lake playa. However, both perennial and intermittent streams percolate into the basin fill as they flow into the basin. Thus, water in the rivers reaches Sevier Lake only during periods of extremely high runoff.

Current Use

Except during periods of extremely high runoff, all of the river water is stored in reservoirs and diverted for irrigation. (A principal source of water for irrigation is the Sevier River).

Quality

The concentration of dissolved solids in the Sevier River is at least 1,000 ppm.

GROUNDWATER (1.2.3)

Movement

Water level contours indicate that groundwater in Sevier Desert proper is moving to an area of discharge 9-12 mi south and west of Delta. Small areas of movement in different directions exist in the northeast and northwest corners of the valley.

Groundwater withdrawal has caused small local changes in the groundwater surface (and hence direction of groundwater flow), but the regional configuration of the groundwater surface has been unaltered.

Natural Discharge

Groundwater in Sevier Desert is discharged primarily by subsurface flow and evapotranspiration. Subsurface flow is toward Sevier Lake playa where some groundwater is lost by evapotranspiration consuming between 1.7 x 10^8 and 2.2 x 10^8 acre feet every year. A small additional amount is discharged by seeps and springs.

Current Use

During 1964, about 1.3×10^9 cubic feet of water was pumped or flowed from wells in the Sevier Desert. Of this, 3.4×10^9 cubic meters was for irrigation, 4.2×10^9 cubic feet for domestic and stock supply, and about 2.1×10^9 cubic feet for public and industrial supply. Fugro (1980) reports that this increased to 50,000 af/yr or acre feet per year in 1977, of which 90 percent goes for irrigation.

Perennial yield has been estimated at 100,000 af/yr, but this includes surface flow as well as groundwater. Mower and Feltis (1968) estimate that of 100,000 af/yr, only about 23,000 af/yr are attributable to groundwater recharge.

Trends/Problems

Both quantity and quality of groundwater supply are future problems for Delta. As of 1968, groundwater withdrawal had only locally altered the water table levels; but discharge from flowing (artesian) wells had decreased partially as a result of drought and partly as a result of pumping the discharge, and water levels will continue to decrease as pumping continues.

The chemical quality of the groundwater around Delta is relatively fresh. The present groundwater local to Delta was seepage from the Sevier River some years ago. However, since irrigation has begun the quality of water in the Sevier River has degraded, and hence the quality of the recharge to the groundwater has also deteriorated. The groundwater is percolating from the Sevier River, beneath Delta and on the southwest, the freshwater being followed by the more saline post-irrigation water. Under hydraulic conditions as they existed in the mid-sixties, water containing 1,000 ppm of dissolved solids could be expected to reach the Delta area in 100-150 years. If the rate of pumping were substantially increased, the hydraulic gradient would become steeper and the saline water would arrive at Delta sooner.

The chemical quality of the groundwater ranges widely throughout the basin. The freshest water is presently found near Delta, where the dissolved solids content (as of 1968) was only about 250 ppm. Mower and Feltis (1968) reported that groundwater quality in the Sevier Desert is generally poor except near Delta.

SOILS/SLOPE (1.2.4)

The soils of the potential OB southwest of Delta formed on lake plains and terraces with slopes generally 0 to 2 percent. Playas are found throughout this area

and the soils are generally deep, well-drained, strongly to very strongly saline and moderately to very strongly alkaline. Surface textures range from siit loams to gravelly silt loams and runoff is slow to medium. These soils are presently used primarily for range, although they are potentially arable if water becomes available for leading and irrigation. At the present, the water availability to plants is low due to the very high salt concentrations.

Several soil series are found in this region. Soils of the Uvada series predominate and have a surface horizon of light-gray silt loam underlain by horizons of silty clay loam, silty clay loam, silty clay and silt loam to depths of over 65 inches (U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service, May 1977). Salt content of the Uvada soils ranges from 2.65 percent to over 2.7 percent. Permeability is very slow, runoff is slow and the hazard of erosion is slight.

Soils of the Goshute and Curdli series also occur in the Delta OB site. Goshute soils have a light-gray gravelly silt loam surface underlain by horizons of silty clay loam and fine gravel to over 60 in. (150 cm). Permeability is moderately slow to the fine gravel at 18 in. (46 cm) where it then becomes very rapid. Runoff is medium and the hazard of erosion is moderate. The Curdli soils have a white loam surface underlain by horizons of loam and heavy silt loam to greater than 60 in. (150 cm). Permeability is moderate, runoff is slow and the erosion hazard is slight.

General engineering properties of the soils of this area include a high potential frost action, low to medium sheer strength and medium compressibility.

Seismicity

There is a seismic zone along Wasatch Front (separating the Basin and Range Province from the Colorado Plateau), some 20 mileast of Delta. The Wasatch Front is a recurrent belt of earthquake activity. Tremors have a relatively high order of periodicity, albeit seldom exceed 3.2 Richter magnitude. An unexpected jolt in the particular part of the Wasatch fault zone could range to a credible earthquake of 5.5 Richter, requiring a design taking 0.59 of ground motion.

AIR QUALITY (1.2.5)

Particulate and gaseous emissions data for Millard County are given in Table 1.2.5-1. Particulate emissions in 1977 were reported as 4.541 tons per year, without windblown fugitive dust. No air quality monitoring data exists for Delta. There are no Class I areas within 100 mi of the Delta operating base site.

There is little to distinguish the climatology of Delta from the Milford operating base site. Precipitation of 7.16 in, annually continues to be well distributed throughout the year with little effect on visible dust frequency.

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2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE OPERATING BASE VICINITY

2.1 HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

EFFECTS ON EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE (2.1.1)

Delta would be the location of a second operating base under Alternative 2. Base-associated employment in Millard County for this alternative, as well as employment related to construction of DDA facilities under all alternatives, would significantly change the size and structure of the small, agriculture-dominated local economy.

Direct, Indirect and Total M-X Related Employment

Employment effects primarily result from the project's demand for construction and operations labor. Table 2.1.1-1 presents direct, indirect and total labor requirements in Millard County for Alternative 2 and DDA construction projected for all full deployment options in Nevada/Utah. Construction of DDA facilities is projected to begin in 1984, run five years, and peak at 2,700 jobs in 1988. Base construction is scheduled concurrently, but peaks one year earlier, at 2,100 jobs.

Compared to trend growth employment projections developed by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah, the combined peak construction labor demand of 4,200 persons in 1988 would be 70 times projected employment of 60 jobs in the contract construction industry, and roughly 110 percent of total baseline employment in that year (University of Utah, BEBR, October 1980). Employment demand of this scale would create significant short-run stress in the county's building trades industry, inducing skilled labor shortages, wage inflation and large scale in-migration of workers into Millard County.

Cumulative employment impacts from other projects could example a larger local stress in construction sectors in the county, though it also would imply a larger local labor supply for potential M-X-related employment. In particular, the Intermountain Power Project (IPP) is scheduled to be constructed in the county over the same period as M-X. Including IPP and other smaller projects, Baseline 2 employment in 1988 would be 8,500 jobs. Peak construction demand impacts represent about 50 percent of Baseline 2 employment in 1988.

Operation of the base would begin in 1986, with make dealing of 1,400 persons. The base would be fully operational by 1989. Table 2. The makeates that long-run direct employment in Millard County would equal 5.70% ons. So percent of which would be military personnel.

Indirect employment would begin in 1984, peak at 4,4% jobs in 1988, and decline thereafter until it reaches a long-run level of 1,2% jobs in 1992. The principal source of indirect employment is the respending of project payrolls earned by direct employees in the county. There also would be local procurement of goods and services from area suppliers, requiring additional employment expansion to meet the increased demand. Project-related investments by local, state and federal governments and private businesses also would create additional short-run indirect employment.

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Table 2.1.1-1 indicates that peak employment by place of work could reach 13,600 jobs in 1988, about 300 percent of trend growth employment projections of 4,500 jobs, and almost 200 percent of Baseline 2 jobs in that year. However, an equally important measure of local impacts would be employment change by place of residence, i.e., adjusting employment for cross-county commuting. In the case of Millard County, the peak figure of 13,600 workers given above adjusts downward to 12,400 jobs, assuming that many employed on the project could live in adjacent Juab and Beaver counties. Total employment by place of work stabilizes by 1992 at 6,900 jobs, roughly 150 percent of Baseline 1 employment of 4,800 jobs in 1992 and about 120 percent of projected Baseline 2 employment. These projections assume that, in the long-run, virtually all county M-X-related job-holders would reside within Millard County.

Delta and a number of small communities would likely experience much of the local growth stress. The county economy has been characterized by the dominance of the agricultural and government sectors, with other industries, e.g., manufacturing, services and construction having been relatively unimportant (Bureau of Economic Analysis, April 1979). Having historically experienced modest employment growth of 1.5 percent per year over the 1967-1977 period, the very rapid buildup of employment in the county would create significant economic dislocations. These would include wage and price inflation, and shortages in key occupations. Growth of ancillary industries to supply consumption demands and base procurement needs would change the county's economic structure.

Labor Force Impacts

Local labor markets would become very tight, especially over the buildup phases in the county. This problem would be particularly acute for the construction trades. In such a relatively small labor market, significant in-migration of construction and operations personnel would be required. Some indirectly employed workers also would in-migrate from outside the county. Tables 2.1.1-2 and 2.1.1-3 present labor in-migration estimates for Millard County under Alternative 2 for Baselines I and 2, respectively. These figures are critical, since they form the basis for civilian M-X-related population growth, and, in conjunction with in-migration of military personnel and dependents, determine key impacts on local infrastructure, services, and government finance. Estimates of total civilian M-X-related employment in the tables are derived from direct and indirect labor demand projections presented in Table 2.1.1-1, after adjustment for cross-county commuting. This figure peaks at 9,000 workers in 1988.

In the same year, Millard County's available resident labor force is forecast to equal about 80 persons under Baseline 1 and 130 persons under Baseline 2. This "without M-X" projection represents an estimate of the future unemployed labor force less those persons who would likely remain unemployed even in extremely tight labor markets.

The "net civilian labor force impact" then compares the expected available labor pool in Millard County with M-X demand for civilian labor. It constitutes cumulative civilian labor in-migration into the county, and in 1988 would equal about 9,200 workers. In other words, up to and including 1988, a net total of 9,200 civilian workers would become new residents of the county. Tables 2.1.1-2 and 2.1.1-3 indicate rapid out-migration after 1988 as job opportunities in the county diminish;

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"net civilian labor force impacts" decline. This figure stabilizes at 2,200 persons by 1991, and this is the estimated total civilian worker in-migration into Millard County under Alternative 2. Total labor in-migration would include military, and in 1991, would equal about 7,100 persons.

Following peak in-migration, labor market stress would decline somewhat, unemployment rates could increase, and project-induced differentials between construction wages and earnings in other sectors would begin to decline. Occupational transition also would occur, out of short-run, boom-growth industries, and into the service and trade sectors associated with continued operation of the base.

EFFECTS ON INCOME AND EARNINGS (2.1.2)

Earnings impacts in Millard County are closely related to employment effects discussed in Section 2.1.1. Table 2.1.2-1 presents M-X-related earnings place of work for Alternative 2, where Delta would be the location of a second operating base and DDA facilities would be sited in the county. The table indicates that peak earnings under this alternative would equal about \$274 million in 1988, almost 79 times the level of 1978 earnings of \$39 million (1980 dollars) in the county. Of this increase, almost one-half would be attributable DDA construction and associated indirect employment, hence would be felt in the county under all project alternatives, including split deployment. The table indicates that as employment declines to operational levels and the mix of occupations shifts from construction to primarily military and civilian base employees, project related earnings would decline to \$94 million in 1991. This figure is still more than twice 1978 baseline earnings. Thus, in an economy characterized by heavy dependence on agriculture and government and little real earnings growth (1.9 percent per year over the 1967-1977 period), earnings generated by M-X would create significant boom-type stress.

EFFECTS ON PUBLIC FINANCE (2.1.3)

This section presents the aggregate expenditures, revenues, and net impacts estimated for all local governments in Millard County. Peak year and long-term capital expenditure impacts also are presented. However, the effects discussed reflect aggregate levels and cannot be interpreted as estimates associated with a specific jurisdiction. Effects specific to the local school district constitute a major portion of these effects and are presented separately.

The net fiscal impact in the Millard County area is largest under Alternative 2 where Operating Base II is proposed for the area. Peak year (1987) deficits under this alternative amount to approximately \$2.2 million (Table 2.1.3-1). Serious service level degradation could occur if timely receipt of outside aid and/or mitigative strategies are not available. Although long-term effects (1992 - 1994) indicate minor problems in raising the monies necessary to meet anticipated expenditures during these years, excess revenues available from the previous three years can more than offset any potential adverse long-term effects. Under the remaining alternatives the initial population in-migration anticipated in the early years of the project results in significant short-term deficits of approximately \$900,000 in the peak year 1985 under the Proposed Action and Alternatives 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Slightly larger deficits (\$1.2 million) are estimated under Alternative 8 in the peak year 1985. In all cases these effects are temporary in nature yet would still require significant levels of outside aid if service levels are not to deteriorate to unacceptable levels.

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The effects on the local school district exhibit similar patterns. Maximum impacts are experienced under Alternative 2 where an approximately \$600,000 deficit is anticipated by 1985 - 1986. This situation could adversely affect service levels in the schools if mitigative measures and/or timely outside aid is not made available. No adverse long-term effects are anticipated under any of the alternatives (Table 2.1.3-2).

Capital expenditure requirements for the Proposed Action, Alternatives 1 through 6, and Alternative 8 are presented for the Millard County area in Table 2.1.3-3. Total long-term capital expenditures are greatest under Alternative 2 and amount to approximately \$25.9 million. Under Alternative 2, school expenditures account for 67 percent of total capital outlays in the long term. Under the remaining alternatives, long-term capital expenditure requirements are substantially less.

The level of capital expenditure requirements estimated in the Beaver County area when compared to the reserved bonding capacities of the various jurisdictions indicates the inability of the local jurisdictions to finance the projects necessary to support these levels of infrastructure growth. The relatively low tax base in the Millard County area will prevent any financing of large-scale infrastructure facilities. The importance of having the infrastructure facilities operative before the levels of population in-migration reach their peak levels cannot be over-emphasized. Federal assistance is necessary to maintain anticipated service levels demands. While peak year capital expenditure requirements are higher, temporary facilities and mitigation strategies can reduce the costs. Partial local financing of long-term requirements will be possible, although federal assistance would be required to mitigate the adverse short-term impacts.

The fiscal effects associated with the high baseline assumptions under each type of analysis are shown in Tables 2.1.3-4 through 2.1.3-6.

EFFECTS ON POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES (2.1.4)

The population effects of a second operating base near Delta, Utah, which is proposed in Alternative 2, are projected to occur primarily within Millard County, although small additional effects would be experienced in adjacent Juab and Beaver Counties. The M-X-related in-migrant population generated in Millard County by the second operating base is projected to reach a maximum during the construction "boom" of about 24,000 persons in 1988, an increase of more than 200 percent over the trend-growth baseline population projected that year, as shown in Table 2.1.4-1. If the effects of other concurrent projects are added to those of M-X, a total of 30,600 in-migrants would be present in the county in 1988, an increase of 262 percent over the trend-growth projection. Over the five year M-X construction boom period, Millard County's growth rate would increase to 19 percent annually and to 27 percent with other concurrent projects, compared to a trend growth rate of 2.5 percent. In the long-term out-migration of construction related population would reduce the total to about 13,700 by 1992, over 100 percent above the trend growth baseline. With the effects of other projects added to M-X, the total longterm in-migration would be about 16,600, an increase of 133 percent over the trend baseline.

The construction-related population projected to be present in the county would total about 9,000 persons in the peak year (1988), about 37 percent of all

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The projected M-X-related in-migrant population at the county level has been disaggregated to three spatial categories of residence: construction camps, the operating base, and local communities. In 1988, the peak year, about 60 percent of the in-migrants present (14,390 persons) would require accommodations in local communities, while 32 percent (7,600) would be housed onbase and nine percent (2,10) in temporary construction camp facilities, as shown in Table 2.1.4-3. In the long term only about one-third of the project-related population is projected to reside in Millard County's communities, with two-thirds accommodated on the operations base. The community population generated within Millard County by the proposed base in Alternative 2 is most likely to be absorbed in the Delta/Hinckley area, with smaller effects in the Fillmore and Holden communities.

Smaller population effects from a second base near Delta would also be experienced in adjacent Juab and Beaver Counties, most likely in the vicinity of the Milford and Nephi communities. The project-related population projected to be present in these two counties in the long run is about 700 and 100, respectively, in Juab and Beaver.

EFFECTS ON LAND USE (2.1.5)

Community Land Use

Millard County, Utah, will be subject to major community land area demands under only one of the eight combinations of the operation bases. This is Alternative 2 with an OB II at Delta. Under five of the remaining options, Millard County will receive temporary demands for community land areas from the nearby construction activities on the DDA. The Proposed Action and Alternative 5 would place long term, although minor, land area requirements on Millard County. Table 2.1.5-1 details the community land area requirements for Millard County under the Proposed Action and relevant alternatives.

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Alternative 2

As noted above, Alternative 2 has the largest land area requirements for Millard County. Construction activity would begin in 1984 when 205 acres of community land would be needed. This requirement climbs to a peak in 1988 of 2,027 acres. In 1991, the operational period begins with a decrease in land requirements to approximately 725 acres. As in other areas, land for housing is the land use category with the largest requirements. Street and highways also will need large portions of the newly developed areas with one-third of the land requirements projected for this purpose in the peak year.

Impact on Availability of Land

On a countywide basis, the peak period demands would be approximately one-third of the vacant land within the municipalities of Millard County. This would leave approximately 3,700 acres of vacant urban land still available for baseline growth. Table 2.1.5-2 provides the above information plus data on the percentage growth in the developed urban acreage.

In analyzing the requirements on a community by community basis, it is assumed that the communities closest to the OB would be heavily impacted. Hinckley, the largest of the communities in the immediate area, has almost 1,800 vacant acres, while Delta and Oak City have a combined total of 454 vacant acres. Delta and Oak City may need some expansion while Hinckley should not. Fillmore, approximately 50 mi from the OB site, is the largest community in Millard County. Vacant land in Fillmore exceeds 1,200 acres—a quantity that should permit baseline growth to continue without adverse impact from the OB construction activity.

Spillover effects are anticipated to extend into Beaver County. The spillover is expected to peak at 310 acres, the majority of which would be at Milford. Vacant land in Milford totalled 190 acres in 1978. As a result, the impact on vacant land availability would be adverse unless Milford expanded its urban boundaries. Constraints to such an action have not been assessed at this time.

Similarly, Nephi to the north in Juab County is expected to be subject to increases in urban development. These should amount to about 520 acres in the peak year. Nephi has approximately 260 vacant acres and hence would be adversely impacted without the amexation of additional land.

Long term demands are 36 percent of the peak period demands in Millard County. On a countywide basis, these requirements would not impose significant impacts upon the availability of urban land. Examining the communities closest to the OB site, Hinckley would be able to handle the entire long term requirement, thus minimizing the need for annexations in Delta, Oak City, or Fillmore. Long term demands in Juab County approximate 100 acres which can be handled by vacant land currently available, while Beaver County requirements are negligible.

Other Impacts

The peak period of growth will increase the size of the communities in Millard County by about 60 percent. Since this change will take place over only five years, the ability of the communities to guide the growth in a desirable and efficient

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manner will be minimal. As a result, it can be expected that numerous conflicting land uses, "leapfrog" developments, and other symptoms of poor planning will emerge. The conclusion of the construction period may bring in problems of returning land used for temporary structures to former land uses as well as the removal of abandoned structures.

The periods of growth and departure will cause great fluctuations in property values. In addition, the character of the communities will undergo significant changes due to the construction of numerous temporary structures and abbreviated periods for design review of development proposals.

Other Alternatives

Peak year requirements under the Proposed Action and Alternatives 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are approximately one-quarter of the requirements under Alternative 2. These requirements are the result of construction activity on DDA and spillovers from the construction of an OB in Beaver County. In the long term, Millard County will be subject to spillovers from the operation phases of the Proposed Action and Alternative 5. These spillover requirements are minor and will not significantly impact Millard County.

Conclusions

On a countywide basis, significant impacts on the availability of land will not be felt in the short or long term periods. Examination of the individual communities shows that annexation may be necessary in Delta and Oak City as well as in Milford (Beaver County) and Nephi (Juab County) in order to avoid adverse impacts during the peak period. The rapidity of growth in Millard County will severely hinder the implementation of proper planning practices and development of efficient land use patterns.

Sural Land Use

This section will discuss two types of land uses that could be affected by a potential operating base at Delta, Utah. They are agricultural and recreation.

Agraculture

Although no croplands exist at the potential operating base near Delta, nor within the suitability zone, irrigated croplands do exist near the city of Delta about 15 mi northeast of the proposed site. Because of its proximity to the potential operating base, the croplands within the suitability zone could be subject to pressure for private urban development unless laws protecting such farmland are adopted and entorced by the county.

Effects on Recreation

No fishing, hunting or other concentrated recreational sites occur within the suitability envelope of the proposed Delta OB (Figure 2.1.5-1). Dispersed recreation such as rock hounding, small game hunting and ORV use will be restricted within the envelope area. At present, dispersed recreation is rather limited in this area,

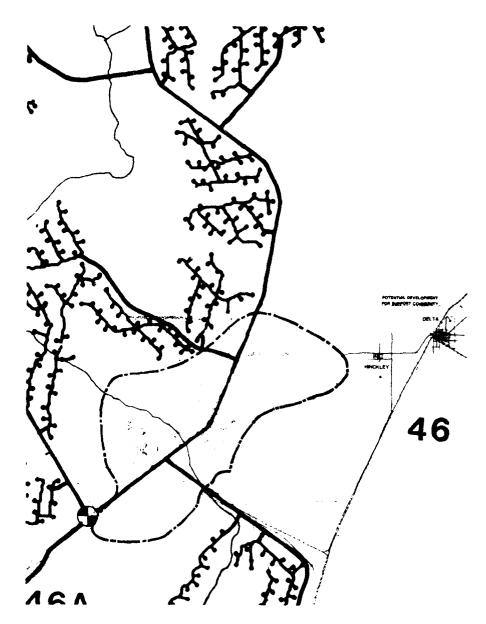


Figure 2.1.5-1. Assumed area of influence around the Delta OB site.

Recreational demand is expected to increase concomitantly with the population in-migration. In Alternative 2 where Delta is a second base, M-X will effect a 206 percent increase in population over baseline projections in peak year 1988 for Millard County. This is expected to drop off to a steady state of 110 percent increase over baseline by 1992. These substantial population increases will have an equivalent effect upon recreational demand and needs in the area. According to the indirect effect index analyses, the following recreational sites are expected to receive a substantial proportion of the M-X induced demand: Oak Creek Campground, Yuba Lake State Park and Little Sahara Recreational Area.

Fishing resource sites within approximately 50 mi of the proposed Delta OB would be expected to receive the largest amount of new fishing pressure. Resources within 50 mi are in Snake, Wah Wah, Milford, White, Dugway, and Government Creek hydrologic subunits and in the Sevier River drainage east of Delta. For a list of the fishing resources within these areas see the aquatic habitats and biota technical report.

Utah SCORP (1978 draft) indicates a projected shortage of camping units and picnic tables and that improvements of the Yuba Lake Marina are needed in this region. These needs will be increased with the projected increase in M-X demand.

EFFECTS ON LAND OWNERSHIP (2.1.6)

Figure 2.1.6-1 shows the potential operating base at Delta, Utah, and the land ownerships in the area. Table 2.1.6-1 shows the number of acres of land of each ownership type that would be occupied by the potential operating base and facilities, and the number of acres of each ownership type within the suitability zone around the potential base.

It can be seen that 72 percent of the area of the operating base facilities would be located on BLM land, and 28 percent on private land. Eighty percent of the suitability zone is BLM land, with the remainder divided between state and private land.

The 4,650 acres of BLM land required for the operating base is equal to 0.5 percent of the BLM land in Iron County. The 1,790 acres of state land for the base is equal to 0.1 percent of the state land in Iron County. These are not considered to be significant impacts.

EFFECTS ON HOUSING (2.1.7)

Millard County is projected to experience the largest impacts under Alternative 2, when Operating Base II is slated to be near Delta. Here, the M-X-related housing requirements reach a total of 4,818 in 1988, comprised of 761 single-family, 441 multi-family, and 3,617 mobile homes (Table 2.1.7-1). After the peak-vear, the housing needs decline to a long term total of 1,522 units (913 single-family, 304 multi-family, and 304 mobile homes). Such a large difference between peak-year and long term needs will result in large surpluses of housing units, most of which will be mobile homes and that will probably have to be removed since local baseline annual requirements are not likely to be large enough to absorb the units. The presence of other projects, does little to reduce the net M-X requirements (Table 2.1.7-2), or to reduce the surpluses, but does contribute to a substartially larger

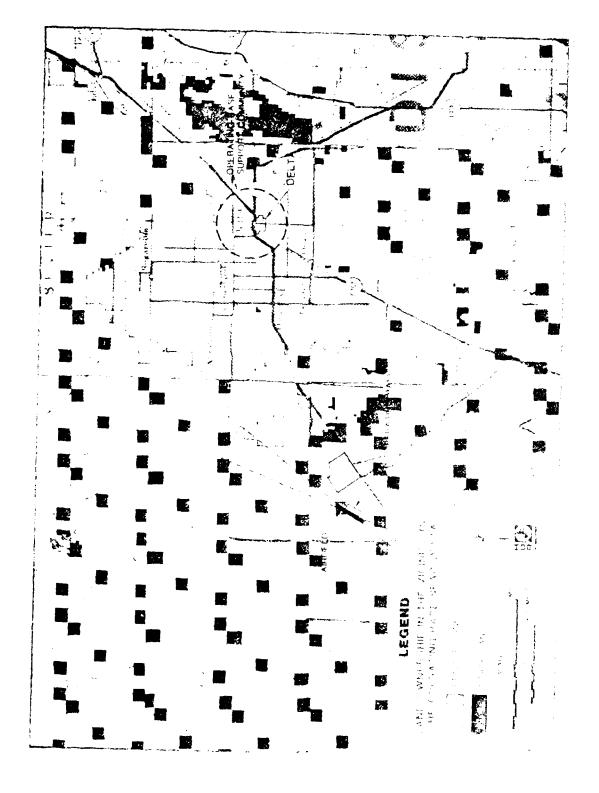


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Source: Department of the Interior, 1977.

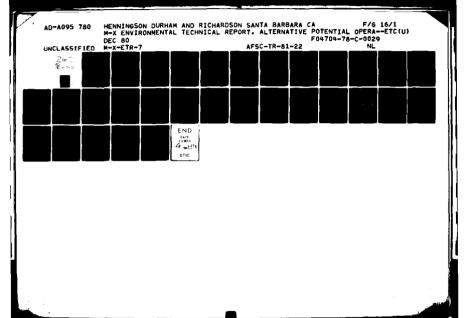


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Millard County will still have housing impacts even though an operating base is not located in the county. For example, small long term permanent impacts are experienced because of spillover from Milford in the case of the Proposed Action, and Alternatives 5 and 6. These total some 26 housing units (16 single-family, 5 multi-family, and 5 mobile homes) under the Proposed Action, and 42 housing units when OB I is near Milford in the case of Alternatives 5 and 6.

Millard County is also projected to be affected by DDA construction activities in all other alternatives, although here the housing requirements are all short-lived and involve only mobile homes that can be fairly readily removed or used elsewhere in the deployment region. In all cases, the presence of other projects will compound the existing M-X requirements (Table 2.1.7-3).

With OB II near Delta under Alternative 2, there will also be spillover effects from Delta, which in the long term are likely to produce housing requirements of some 214 housing units (128 single-family, 43 multi-family, and 43 mobile homes) in Juab County and just 27 mobile homes in Beaver County.

EFFECTS ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (2.1.8)

M-X deployment Alternative 2 identifies a potential second operating base location in the vicinity of Delta (Millard County), Utah. Construction of such a facility would result in the in-migration of construction workers and their families in the short term, as well as long term base personnel. This population in-migration will place additional demands on community infrastructure necessitating the recruitment of more teachers, health care personnel, law enforcement and fire personnel. There will also be impacts on parks and recreation and on basic utilities such as water and solid waste disposal, creating the need for expanded or new facilities. The accommodation of M-X-related needs for community services will be fulfilled primarily by Millard County. Neighboring counties, for the most part, will experience lesser demands of a temporary nature. For that reason the following discussion will concentrate upon the effects likely to be experienced in Millard County under Alternative 2.

Education

Millard County School District, which currently maintains an enrollment capacity of appproximately 2,360, is expected to experience enrollment demands in excess of capacity under projected normal growth conditions prior to 1982. This indicates that any additional enrollment demand attributable to M-X would result in stresses to the local educational system above the level which would occur under normal growth conditions.

Table 2.1.8-1 presents the number of school-aged children expected by grade group for each M-X alternative between the years 1982 and 1994 on an annual basis.

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As indicated, Alternative 2 may add up to 420 additional pupils to the school district, an increase of approximately 16.0 percent over the 2,500 enrollments estimated to occur under baseline growth conditions. By 1989, the year of peak enrollment growth attributable to M-X, the increase over baseline growth under Alternative 2 approximates nearly 200.0 percent: at this time, baseline enrollments are anticipated to number 3,260.

Subsequent to peak year enrollment demands resulting from M-X, enrollment levels can be expected to stabilize, the level of which may be useful for long-range educational planning purposes. Table 2.1.8-1 indicates that the Millard County School District may have to provide long-term educational services for nearly 7,200 students should an M-X operating base be located near Delta. Of this total number of students requiring education, slightly more than half may be M-X induced. Should no operating base be located in Millard County, the school district would still receive additional demands for services as a result of spill-over effects of technical facility construction in adjacent counties. The short and long-term effects of these enrollment demands under Alternatics 6 and the Proposed Action would be considerably less than under Alternative 2. No long-term enrollments attributable to M-X are anticipated under any of the remaining alternatives. Regardless of which M-X deployment alternative is selected, it is evident 'hat given the posture of existing facility inadequacy to meet even the projected number of baseline enrollments expected for the area, that M-X related enrollments of both short and long-term duration will certainly accentuate the need for additional facilities and personnel.

Table 2.1.8-2 indicates the number of teachers which may be required to accommodate baseline and M-X related enrollment demand on a grade group basis for all years between 1982 and 1994. As was the case with enrollments, Alternative 2 will require the largest number of teachers. Alternative 2 may initially require 12 additional teachers to accommodate M-X related enrollment increase in 1984, necessitate nearly 255 by 1988, and require approximately 170 to accommodate long-term demands, an increase of more that 110.0 percent over the 150 teachers who will be necessary to accommodate long-term demands under normal growth conditions. It is likely that the school district may experience difficulty in attracting and retaining an adequate staffing level during both peak and long-term conditions.

The proportion of total enrollments and teachers required attributable to other projects in the area when compared to those attributable to M-X plus baseline growth is substantial. For example, under Alternative 2, in which a small operating base may be located near Delta, of the nearly 10,800 enrollments which the school district might expect during peak year, 1988, more than 15.0 percent are other project related. This indicates that the already inadequate capability of the district to provide educational services would be further compounded by M-X and other project requirements.

Health Care

M-X project related requirements for health care personnel and facilities are shown in Table 2.1.8-3 for Millard County. Under Alternative 2 with the second base located near Delta, the need for health care personnel peaks in 1987, when 15 physicians, 44 nurses, 4 dentists, 2 mental health personnel and 37 additional hospital beds would be required. M-X related peak demand increases the normal

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baseline growth requirements by more than 80 percent and would put severe strain on the health care facilities although only temporarily.

Location of a base near Delta would have some spill-over population in Beaver and Juab counties in Utah but the effects in Beaver County would be negligible. The peak year demand in Juab county would be 10 additional health care personnel and 7 hospital beds. This would put some short term pressures on the local facilities.

This situation would be further escalated with the demand generated by projects other than M-X, such as the Intermountain Power Project. The cumulative demand during the peak year could be as high as 180 percent of the normal growth requirements of 77 health care personnel and 45 hospital beds. Even during the steady state, the cumulative requirements would be more than 40 percent above the normal growth requirements, requiring long-term mitigating measures to ameliorate the situation.

Public Safety

Tables 2.1.8-4 and 2.1.8-5 present the requirements for law enforcement and fire personnel in Millard County resulting from the M-X project. Millard County police and fire personnel requirements peak in 1988 under all alternatives but 8 which peak in 1986. The number of additional law enforcement personnel is expected in the peak year of Alternative 2 to be 208.7 percent above the number projected to be needed under normal growth conditions. This dramatic increase will place heavy burdens on the existing law enforcement system which is already understaffed and inadequate to meet the present community needs. Problems of crowded facilites, particularly jails and of attracting and keeping enough qualified people to serve as deputies and police officers will be critical ones.

M-X-related fire personnel requirements reach 121.1 percent over baseline in the peak year of Alternative 2. This sizable increase is likely to result in problems. The fire protection force in Millard County is composed of volunteers. With the influx of a large population the volunteer force may find it difficult to continue to provide fire protection, particularly for scattered mobile homes and large commercial buildings. Under the other alternatives (except 8) police requirements are 52.2 percent and fire 36.8 percent over baseline in the peak year.

Subsequent to peak year demands on public safety services the out-migration of construction workers will occur, resulting in a continuing decrease at the county level in total personnel requirements attributable to M-X deployment. Personnel requirements in Millard County stabilize and reach a steady state around 1991 for Alternative 1 and 1990 for the other alternatives (except 8). This is the level of impact which can be most usefully mitigated through long range planning. The aforementioned tables indicate the number of police and fire personnel that will be required in the long term and the percent over baseline requirements that they represent. No long term effects are anticipated under any of the alternatives but Alternative 2 under which long term requirements are still approximately double the projected baseline requirements for the period. In Millard County long term needs can possibly be accommodated with sufficient advance planning and funding, however the level of need will require substantial and permanent expansion of police and fire facilities and personnel.

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Parks and Recreation

M-X induced population in-migration to the Delta area will create an increase demand for both urban and regional parks and recreational facilities in Millard County. This increase in demand could stress existing urban facilities. At present, approximately 12 additional acres of parks are needed. Nearby Fish Lake National Forest can satisfy some of the increased demand for regional recreational facilities. However, to meet the increased recreation planning capabilities needs, funds and land will be required. The land requirements for the expansion of local recreational facilities in Millard County are presented in Table 2.1.8-6.

The projected population growth due to M-X would increase the peak year land requirements for recreation and parks by 90 acres and long term requirements by 23 acres in Millard County if Delta is chosen as the site for the second base. Additional rural acreage may be required for such recreational pursuits as off-road vehicular activity in order to spare habitats of rare and endangered species of plants and wildlife. The U.S. Forest Service could open more lands for informal outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and camping. Also, through subdivision and Planned Unit Development ordinances a community can require certain amounts of recreation or open space in housing and mobile home development.

Solid Waste Disposal

M-X-induced in-migration to the Delta area will create additional quantities of solid wastes not only in residences but also in the additional business and governmental activities required to support this population increment in Millard County.

The population corresponding to the trend baseline growth will, by 1993, exhaust the 35 acres currently available near Delta for solid waste disposal. If Delta is chosen as the site for the second base, the M-X induced population demands for solid-waste disposal land area will begin in 1984. About 23 acres of landfill areas will provide for all major-project induced solid wastes through 2009, that is over the 20-year operational life of the M-X system.

The effect of M-X OB sites on Millard County land requirements for solid waste disposal are illustrated in Table 2.1.8-7.

EFFECTS ON QUALITY OF LIFE (2.1.9)

The impact projections are conditional in that they are contingent on the actions taken by policy makers and also on the basic assumptions concerning factors such as the levels and pace of development which will occur. Moreover, the components of quality of life are numerous and complex and there is a great deal of uncertainty as to the probable outcomes since the basic models are lacking. Individual preference functions are unknown and community preference functions are hard to ascertain. Nevertheless, an attempt has been made to provide comparisons, within the framework of certain assumptions, suggestive of the trend of growth impacts on the communities in question.

The rapid population growth that can be anticipated if an operating base is located in the vicinity of Delta will result in many objective and subjective changes in the quality of life in the surrounding communities. Figure 2.1.9-1 shows potential

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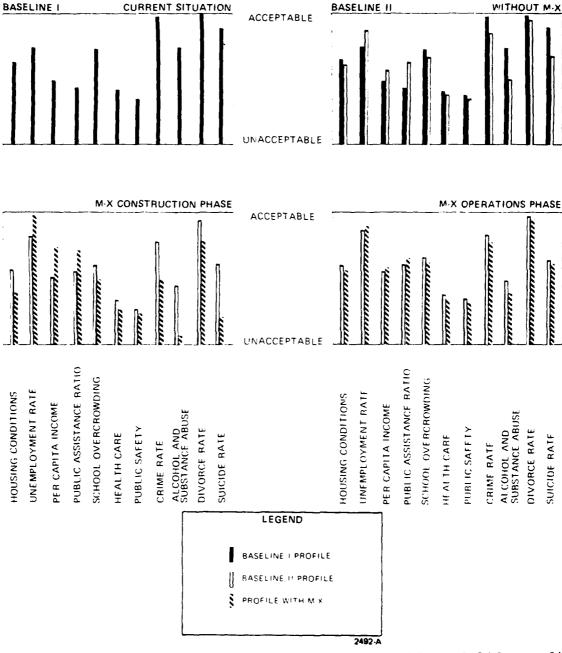


Figure 2.1.9-1. Potential changes in the quality of life profiles of Millard County, Utah.

changes in the quality of life that might reasonably be expected. The histograms portray an assessment of the impact on the quality of life, as measured by a particular index in a range from acceptable to unacceptable. The four segments of the figure depict: (a) Baseline I, which simply portrays the county's particular index value as a proportion of the corresponding state index value (where acceptable denotes a value that is 50 percent better than the state figure, and unacceptable represents a value that is 100 percent worse than the state figure), for eleven quality of life indices; (b) Baseline II, the anticipated changes in these indices without M-X deployment in the county, but with the presence of other known projects; (c) anticipated changes during the M-X construction phase compared to Baseline II and, (d) anticipated changes during the M-X operations phase over Baseline II. Changes in the indices are assumed to be related to the rapidity of population growth. Since the quality of life literature points to a rapid deterioration of social organization with boomtown growth, it is assumed that such indices as crime, alcohol and substance abuse, divorce and suicide rates, may increase as much as four times the compound annual population growth rate. The economic well-being indices, e.g., per capita income, the unemployment rate, and the public assistance ratio (the proportion of the population on public assistance of some kind), on the other hand, are assumed to change at only double the annual compound population change rate. The remaining indices, housing conditions (a measure of overcrowding), school overcrowding (the ratio of pupils to teachers), health care (doctors, dentists, and registered nurses per 1,000 population, the number of hospital beds per 1,000 population), and public safety (ratio of police officers to population), collectively referred to as the community service indices, are all assumed to change inversely and linearly with the compound annual rate of population change.

Quality of Life Changes Without M-X

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EFFECTS ON ENERGY (2.1.10)

Construction and operation of the M-X defense system in the vicinity of Delta will require substantial improvements in energy transportation capabilities. Development of the required energy handling facilities must be in concert with M-X system construction.

Delta is located in an area that has no natural gas service. Although no plans exist for extension of service to the area, if such service were to be provided the supplier would be Mountain Fuel Supply (MFS), Salt Lake City. Pacific Gas Transmission (PGT), a subsidiary of Pacific Gas and Electric, San Francisco, has proposed to build a 30-in., high-pressure gas transmission line from Kemmerer, Wyoming and Bonanza, Utah, joining east of Provo, Utah near Strawberry Reservoir, and continuing along Interstate 15 through Cedar City, Utah and Las Vegas, Nevada to Southern California. Delta is located approximately 26 mi west of the proposed pipeline route.

Electrical energy to Delta is supplied by Utah Power and Light Company via two 46-KV subtransmission lines. The increase in electrical load due to an operating base and associated population increase is projected to be 37 MW. Since this is a substantial increase over the present capacity of 6 MW, new transmission and distribution facilities would be required. See the Power and Energy Technical Report for detailed information.

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EFFECTS ON TRANSPORTATION (2.1.11)

The population increases associated with construction and operation of an operating base near Delta would have a significant impact on traffic in the surrounding area.

The portion of U.S. 6-50 between the proposed operating base site and Delta would receive the greatest amount of traffic growth due to the project. The anticipated 10,000 vehicles per day, including up to 2,000 commuters will exceed the capacity of the existing road. Figure 2.1.11-1 presents the anticipated 1992 traffic. That section of highway will have to be widened to four lanes to accommodate the anticipated traffic without severe congestion. Staggered work shifts and substantial use of buses and carpools could reduce the volume of traffic and possibly obviate the need to widen the road. However, spot improvements would probably still be needed at intersections near the base and within the communities of Hinckley and Delta to adequately handle the traffic. The roads between Delta and the communities of Fillmore, Holden and Nephi would all have increased traffic but major improvements would not be required.

The anticipated in-migration of around 1,500 new households into Millard County would generate approximately 15,000 trips or traffic movements, on an average day. Most of these, probably around 75 percent, would probably originate in the immediate vicinity of Delta and Hinckley. Major additions to the street system as well as modifications and improvements to the existing streets will be required. The other nearby communities would also be affected but to a lesser degree. The extent of the impacts would depend upon the specific growth patterns and the number of persons that choose to live within each community. Localized traffic problems may result at some locations, however, and improvements or modifications may be required at specific points.

EFFECTS ON NATIVE AMERICANS (2.1.12)

Potential direct and indirect impacts on Native American ancestral/sacred sites are discussed in Section 2.1.13. Nothing is currently known about possible uses of the OB siting area by contemporary Indians for hunting, gathering, or other traditional activities. Southern Paiutes at the Kanosh Reservation, some 50 mi southeast of the proposed OB, have expressed concern for the preservation of ancestral habitation sites, ceremonial sites, burial areas, and native floral and faunal resources in the vicinity of the reservation, and in the adjacent Pahvant Range (U.S. Forest Service, 1974; Facilitators, Inc., 1980). Further research is needed to determine the extent of potential indirect impacts to such cultural resources in the Fishlake National Forest due to increased recreational demand and activity.

Construction of an operating base at Delta would not directly impact any Native American land or water resources. It is unlikely, albeit possible, that conflict between M-X and Utah Southern Pauite land withdrawals could occur. Up to 15,000 acres of land will be withdrawn from among federal, state and private lands in any of five Utah counties to provide reservations for the Utah Southern Pauite Bands recently reinstated to federal trusteeship.

The prepared OB at Delta is about 50 mi northwest of the Native American Colony at Kanosh. Job opportunities at Delta are expected to stimulate the inmigration to Kanosh of friends and relatives of Kanosh members.

EFFECTS ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES (2.1.13)

Direct impacts to archaeological and historical sites cannot be fully assessed at this time due to the lack of systematic survey at the proposed base location and

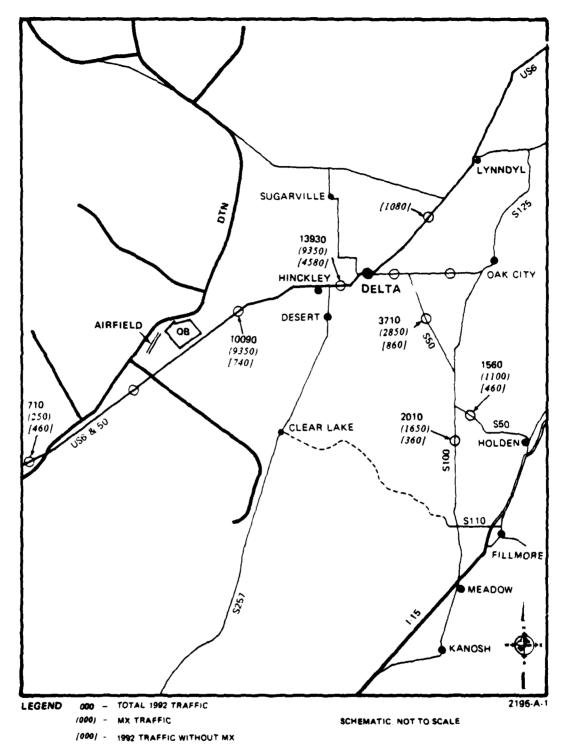


Figure 2.1.11-1. Projected traffic volumes in the vicinity of Delta, assuming second operating base.

in the suitability zone. However, the locations of 73 recorded sites in the Delta vicinity suggest that the Beaver and Sevier River drainages and their tributaries are the most sensitive areas in the region. In contrast to most other Great Basin valleys, nearly 90 percent of the recorded archaeological and historical sites are located in lower bajada/valley floor settings. In the region within a 20 mi radius of the Delta OB, approximately 25 percent of the area is considered to be of potential moderate to high sensitivity. In addition, four National Register properties occur in the immediate vicinity of the Delta OB. These include Fort Deseret, the Gunnison Massacre Site, the Topaz War Relocation Camp, and the Paleo-Indian Site, 42 MD 300. Prehistoric habitation sites, historic properties, rock art sites, and sites representing more limited activity are numerous in the general vicinity.

As depicted, the various OB facilities appear to directly impact about 10 mi² of moderate to low sensitivity area. Siting of proposed OB facilities is preferable in unwatered bajada areas placed as distantly as possible from the Sevier and Beaver Rivers. It is not recommended at this time that the OB facilities be moved. However, the railroad spur addition, as shown, directly impacts the National Register Paleo-Indian site, 42 MD 300. It is highly probable that other significant cultural resources could be impacted by this railroad spur where it crosses near the confluence of the Beaver and Sevier Rivers. To avoid these significant impacts, it is recommended that the railroad spur be moved to the north to follow the Hwy 6-50 right-of-way to the OB.

Indirect impacts are expected to result from an M-X induced population growth of about 24,000 in 1988 which represents a 205 percent increase over projected growth for that year. In addition, the on-base population will reach 9,600 by 1989. This growth coupled with much increased access to once-remote areas from construction of the M-X road network will cause greater and more extensive impacts to cultural resources than construction of the OB itself. Those valleys subject to high indirect impacts from increased population, accessibility, and site sensitivity due to development of the Delta OB are summarized in Chapter 2.

Growth related impacts in nearby communities potentially include neglect and decline of architecturally and historically significant properties, incongruous new construction disruptive of the community's architectural integrity, and demolition of significant structures for new construction. Effects of this nature are likely to be substantial in Delta, Hinckley, Deseret, Oak City, Lynndyl, and smaller communities to the east. Reduced population incursion, restricted access to sensitive areas, protective measures, community planning, and increased public education are measures which can serve to reduce these effects.

Because direct and indirect impacts to National Register and eligible properties are anticipated, a Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement has been developed between the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Air Force, and other concerned agencies. This PMOA outlines a program which, if implemented, will avoid or satisfactorily mitigate adverse effects on historic and cultural properties.

Paleontology

The disturbance of the Bonneville sediments through excavation may destroy fossils contained in the sediment. Sites proposed for excavation can be examined to determine the potential for fossil material.

2.2 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

EFFECTS ON VEGETATION (2.2.1)

Vegetation

The Delta site would be used for the second operating base in Alternative 2. A general discussion of impacts to native vegetation that would result from use of the Delta site is given in Chapter 4 in the DEIS, in the section on native vegetation.

A potentially serious impact not discussed in detail in Chapter 2 in the DEIS is the invasion of disturbed rangelands by the toxic weed halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus) (Young et al., 1975). A discussion may be found in ETR-14.

EFFECTS ON WILDLIFE (2.2.2)

Local pronghorn antelope populations may be adversely affected by utilization of this site. Reduction in habitat would result from construction and the presence of people, buildings, roads, equipment, and fences. Outdoor recreational activities could cause pronghorn to avoid additional portions of their range, including key habitat in the Desert Mountain area 25 mi (40 km) north of Delta. Increased poaching resulting from an estimated 110 percent increase in population may also impact pronghorn populations in the area. The pronghorn is a regionally significant biological resource with a high probability of being significantly impacted. A detailed impact analysis was conducted on this species, with the results presented in Chapter 2.

Increased recreation activity in the Drum and Little Drum mountains to the north, House Range to the west, and the Cricket Mountains to the south of the Delta OB site would adversely affect mule deer. There probably would be greater demand for hunting in these mountains since they are relatively close to this operating base site.

Waterfowl in Clear Lake and Topaz state waterfowl management areas and those at Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge might receive greater hunting pressure. But since these areas are either state or federal management areas, hunting could be controlled and would not lead to any serious impacts to waterfowl.

EFFECTS ON AQUATIC SPECIES (2.2.3)

Although many game fish habitats are found east of Delta on the Sevier River and its tributaries, only two game fish habitats are within 25 mi of the proposed OB west of Delta. Gunnison Bend Reservoir and portions of the Sevier River provide warm-water game fisheries. No direct physical modification of game fish habitats would be expected from the construction of the proposed OB and related project features. Growth in Delta would further decrease water quality of both habitats by non-point source pollution from oils, solvents, pesticides, domestic pet excrement and other urban liquid and solid wastes. Expansion of the urban area would also result in an increase in recreational pressure including fishing, boating and other water-related activities.

EFFECTS ON PROTECTED SPECIES (2.2.4)

Protected Terrestrial Species

No protected terrestrial animals occur near the Delta suitability envelope. Thirteen sightings of bald eagles, the closest of which was approximately 8 mi from Delta, were recorded in 1979 in the area from McCormick, Utah, to Fillmore, Utah; no roost sites have been recorded in this area. Bald eagles are not expected to be impacted by construction of buildings around Delta. Peregrine falcons may nest in nearby mountains, but these mountains do not appear to be particularly attractive to recreationists, consequently few to no peregrine/human encounters are expected.

Protected Aquatic Species

No protected or recommended protected aquatic species occur near Delta. The closest protected aquatic species habitats are springs in White and Fish Springs Valleys to the west and northwest of the hydrologic subunit containing the potential OB site. Two known springs in White Valley and at least three known locations in Fish Springs Valley provide habitat for the state protected least chub. The nearest least chub site is about 30 mi west of the OB location, and is not expected to be attractive to recreational users. Several populations of the recommended-protected Bonneville cutthroat trout, which is the same fish as the Nevada state protected Utah cutthroat trout, occur in a few mountain streams bordering to the west of Snake Valley. Moderate fishing pressure on these habitats would be likely from personnel at the Delta OB. A detailed impact discussion of alternatives involving this OB and potential mitigations are presented in Chapter 2 and the technical report on Protected Species (ETR 17).

Protected Rare Plants

One (possibly two) known location of the terrace buckwheat (<u>Eriogonum natum</u>) occurs within the suitability zone of the Delta operating base (<u>Figure 2.2.4-1</u>). Construction of the operating base facilities in the area where this species is found may cause alteration of the habitat and may result in decreased abundance of the species. The plant is a recommended threatened species (Welsh, 1979). Four of the five known locations may be affected by project features. Expansion of the town of Delta is not anticipated to cause direct impacts to rare species.

Indirect effects occurring as a result of a large population increase (142 percent in Millard County) may cause some impact to rare species. These impacts would be due to increased ORV use and increased recreational activity in surrounding natural areas.

EFFECTS ON WILDERNESS AND SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS (2.2.5)

OB impacts to wilderness are treated in Chapter 2 and in ETR-18. Discussion here is limited to significant natural areas. Figure 2.2.5-1 shows the operating base location for Delta. There is no direct overlap of the base suitability area with local significant natural areas.

Impacts to key natural areas as a result of siting a base at Delta would be related to the recreational activities of base personnel. Using the indirect effects analysis, areas likely to receive increased recreational visitation would include Lehman Caves, Fumarole Butte, Topaz and Clear Lake Wildlife Management Area as well as the natural landmark, Antelope Springs Trilobite Beds.

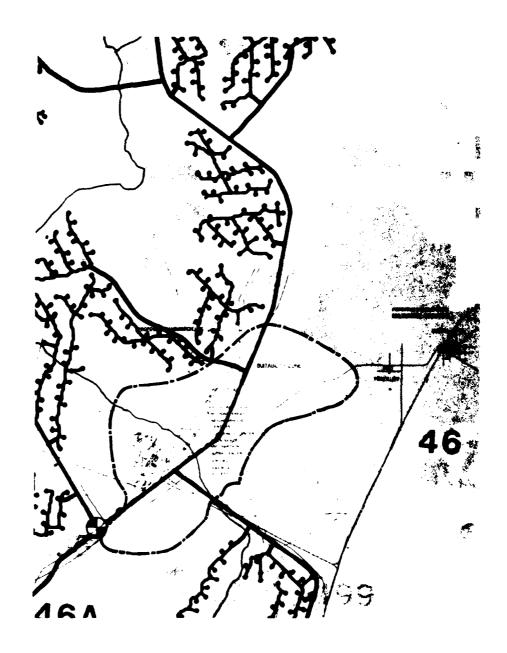


Figure 2.2.4-1. Delta suitability envelope vs. rare plants. (Page 1 of 2)

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Figure 2.2.4-1. Delta suitability envelope vs. rare plants. (Page 2 of 2)

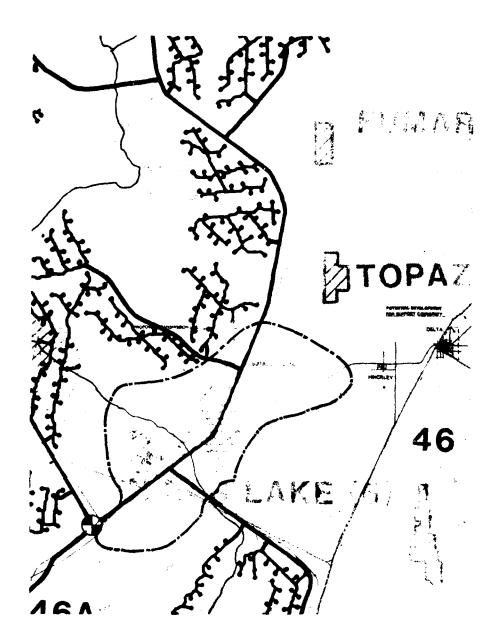


Figure 2.2.5-1. Delta suitability envelope vs. significant natural areas.

EFFECTS ON SURFACE WATERS (2.2.6)

Construction and maintenance of the operating base could have an impact on surface water due to increases in runoff and erosion. Storm runoff will be increased by the introduction of impermeable surfaces and channelization. Water quality may be affected by increased sediment streamloads due to construction. If surface rights are purchased, volumes may be locally reduced, but reduction of total surface water volume will be partially offset by return flow after treatment, especially during the maintenance phase.

Construction of an operating base near Delta will result in estimates of low short-term erosion impacts due to the limited runoff, level topography, and the present slight erosion hazard of most of the predominating soils of the area. Any potential for erosion can be mitigated through revegetation of the disturbed soils and proper engineering design. Long-term impacts are expected to be insignificant if mitigating measures are undertaken.

The construction of an operating base near Delta will use an estimated 1,800 to 3,400 acre-ft of water. Permanent operational water requirements are estimated to range from 2,600 to 3,500 acre-ft per year.

EFFECTS ON GROUNDWATER RESOURCES (2.2.7)

Under full deployment basing mode, an operating base II (OB II) might be located near Delta, Utah. The OB II would include an airfield, support facilities, clear zones, and a railroad spur. It would occupy approximately 4,000 acres.

This site lies within an area within an area which is designated a critical groundwater basin by the Utah State Engineer. The area's inhabitants are currently mining its groundwater resources. The estimated perennial yield of 23,000 acre-ft per year is, for example, much less than the estimated current usage rate of 50,000 acre-ft per year (Fugro, 1980). This groundwater mining is reducing the groundwater availability by removing water from storage and probably reducing the storage capacity by permanent dewatering (compaction) of some areas. As substantial amounts of water are removed from storage, water quality will also be degraded (Mower and Feltis, 1968). The Sevier River system flow could be reduced, although perhaps not a very significant impact.

Potential Impacts

Since irrigated agriculture uses about 90 percent of the current total water withdrawals M-X impacts would primarily be felt by agriculture (Fugro, 1980). Water table declines would cause increased pumping costs.

An M-X operating base at the Delta site would need 57,000 acre-ft per year for 30 years. This demand would increase the current aquifer depletion rate (current use above perennial yield amounts to 27,000 acre-ft per year) by 21 percent, a very significant impact.

When compared with other alternative sites in Nevada/Utah, relative potential for impacts at Delta appears moderately low due mostly to the large amount of water in storage. Significant impact potential exists, however, because the system is currently under stress and the addition of M-X demands would significantly increase that stress.

The majority of present water usage is for agriculture in the Delta-Hinckley area. M-X construction and operation water usage would represent about 1.4 percent of present water usage, and it would be anticipated that if the State Engineer granted appropriation rights in nonagricultural areas, additional water-level decline due to the M-X project would be small. Springs in this basin are located above the valley floor and do not appear to be part of the valley-fill aquifer system. Therefore the project should have no effect on their discharge rates. Increased surface runoff during major storms would be minimal. Local increases in sheet and stream channel erosion may occur. Construction activities could degrade surface-water quality during thunderstorms, but no significant impacts on ground-water quality is expected.

Mitigation Measures

Existing groundwater rights could be purchased or leased. Additional wells would be designed and located to avoid pumpage centers, and local users. A numerical simulation model would be used to evaluate this region's multi-aquifer system, and a monitoring network would be developed. The extraction program would be altered according to the data these provide. A local surface drainage system and erosion control structures would be constructed to safely convey the runoff to natural drainage. Temporary ponds would be constructed to reduce peak flows and to desilt the runoff to avoid downstream deposition. After completion of the M-X project, the water supply system may be made available for local use.

EFFECTS ON AIR QUALITY (2.2.8)

The air quality impact on the area around Delta from increased emissions at the operating base was evaluated using three air quality models: HIWAY and IMPACT for gaseous pollutants and PAL for construction-related dust.

The logic employed in the selection of a particular model and limitations of the model are addressed in ETR 13.

Construction

Figure 2.2.8-1 presents the PAL model results for two representative base construction area source sizes and two emission levels, unmitigated and mitigated. The mitigation case assumes application of enough dust control treatment to reduce fugitive dust by 50 percent. The effective distance to the affected population is taken as 15 mi. This modeling effort indicates that Delta will be affected by dust but due to the model limitations (see ETR 13) the predicted dust concentrations shown as exceeding NAAQS standards are only a rough approximation.

Operation

Modeling conditions of regional NO and CO pollutants for Beryl, Utah, were considered representative of those expected at Delta, Utah, at the level of this analysis. Therefore, site-specific modeling for Delta was not completed at the regional level. A discussion of the Beryl, Utah, regional CO and NO modeling results that are pertinent to Delta follows. For general operational emissions, the IMPACT model was run for two representative gaseous pollutants, CO and NO. The emission levels were scaled from data at Vandenberg AFB and redistributed to

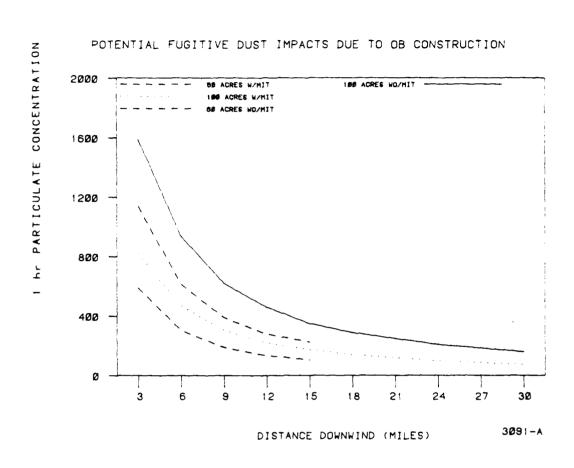


Figure 2.2.8.1. Potential fugitive dust impacts due to OB construction.

represent the expected operations base configuration. The results show that CO reached an hourly concentration of 2.3 parts per million (ppm) and NO reached an hourly concentration of 0.18 ppm. The CO values are well below both the federal and Utah standards and no significant adverse impacts are anticipated. The maximum one-hour NO concentration of 0.18 ppm, while greater in magnitude than the federal and Utah annual standards, is anticipated to be of extremely short duration and should not lead to any significant long-term impacts. The emissions of SO and HC are less in magnitude than those of NO or CO, so the predicted concentrations will also be smaller. Thus, no violations of the standards are expected for SO and HC.

The HIWAY model was used to examine the potential for local maxima of hydrocarbons, CO and NO associated with peak-hour traffic*. The results are shown in Table 2.2.8-1. The maximum predicted 1-hour CO concentration of 8.8 ppm is well below the federal or Utah standard of 35 ppm. As there is no 1-hour NO standard, a direct comparison of the modeling results with standards is not possible. However, the estimated values are not anticipated to be of long duration.

EFFECTS ON MINING AND GEOLOGY (2.2.9)

There are no mining sites in the vicinity of the proposed OB.

^{*} The IMPACT modeling results are averaged over a grid which is 4,000 ft and do not represent possible local maxima.

Table 2.2.8-1. Delta, Utah, traffic-related concentrations¹: 1-hour averages in µg/m³ (ppm) 50 m from edge of roadway.

CLASSIFICATION	PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC ² VEHICLES/HR	СО	НС	NO _x
Baseline	80	430 (0.4)	54 (0.08)	74 (0.04)
Baseline Plus M-X Induced Traffic	1,190	10,070 (8.8)	1,589 (2,4)	1,691 (2,90)

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Worst-case meteorological conditions: I meter per second wind, 25 meter mixing height, wind parallel to roadway, very stable atmosphere.

²Peak-hour traffic is assumed to be 15 percent of the Average Daily Traffic (ADT).

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